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MAYOR—David S. Manners.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

FIRST WARD.

F. B. Betts, President,	George S. Gardner,
Thomas W. James,	James Narine.

SECOND WARD.

John H. Lyon,	Justus Slater,
Joseph G. Edge,	Jeremiah B. Cleveland.

THIRD WARD.

John H. Low,	John V. Brower,
Selah Hill,	William White.

FOURTH WARD.

J. D. Miller,	R. R. Ripplevea,
S. K. Tyrrell,	George Whitlock.

CITY CLERK—Geo. W. Cassedy.

CITY MARSHAL—Nathaniel Ellis.

☞ Regular Meetings of the Board on the 1st and 3 l Tuesdays of each month at the Lyceum, Grand street.

MAYOR—David S. Morris

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

FIRST WARD.

P. M. Morris, President. | George R. Conner,
Thomas W. Adams, | James Smith.

SECOND WARD.

John H. Lyon, | Jere's Scatt,
Joseph G. Lyon, | Jefferson D. Cochran.

THIRD WARD.

John H. Lyon, | John V. Brown,
Simon Hill, | William White.

FOURTH WARD.

J. D. Shuler, | R. R. Peters,
R. M. Tyree, | Geo. W. Watson.

CITY CLERK—Geo. W. Conner.

CITY MARSHAL—Nathan Ellis.

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Common Council.

Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter the Common Council met at the Common Council Chamber on Monday, May 2d, 1853, at eight o'clock, P. M.

The board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present.—Ald. Betts, Brower, Cleaveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Ford.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Miller was appointed President *pro tem.*

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the board proceeded to the election of its President.

Ald. Low, James and Brower were appointed Tellers.

The result of the ballotings was as follows:

FIRST BALLOTING.

Frederick B. Betts received 8 votes.
Jonathan D. Miller received 3 votes.
Thomas W. James received 1 vote.
James Narine received 1 vote.
George S. Gardner received 1 vote.
One blank was cast.

SECOND BALLOTING.

Frederick B. Betts received 9 votes.
Jonathan D. Miller received 4 votes.
James Narine received 1 vote.
Justus Slater received 1 vote.

Whereupon Frederick B. Betts was declared elected President of the Common Council for the coming year.

Ald. Brower and Gardner were appointed a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The committee performed the duty assigned to them, and the President returned his thanks to the board, for the honor conferred on him.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the board then proceeded to the appointment of city clerk, without effecting a choice. The same tellers were appointed.

The following was the result of the ballotings:

FIRST BALLOTING.

George W. Cassedy received 8 votes.
Abiel Abbot received 4 votes.
Richard D. McCleland received 1 vote.
John Lyon received 1 vote.
One blank was cast.

SECOND BALLOTING.

George W. Cassedy received 8 votes.
Abiel Abbot received 4 votes.
Robert Gilchrist received 1 vote.
John Lyon received 1 vote.
One blank was cast.

THIRD BALLOTING.

George W. Cassedy received 7 votes.
Abiel Abbot received 6 votes.
Luke C. Lyman reseived 1 vote
John Lyon received 1 vote.

FOURTH BALLOTING.

George W. Cassedy received 7 votes
Abiel Abbot received 6 votes.
John Lyon received 2 votes.

Ald. Low moved to suspend tne further balloting for City Clerk. The motion was lost.

FIFTH BALLOTING.

George W. Cassedy received 7 votes.
Abiel Abbot received 6 votes.
Two blanks were cast.

On motion of Ald. Miller the further balloting for City Clerk was suspended.

On Motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned until Tuesday, May 3d, at 8 o'clock P. M.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular Meeting, May 3d, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleaveland, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Gardner and Narine were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Ald. miller the rules of order of the last Common Council were adopted, as the rules of order for the government of the present Board.

On motion of Ald. Miller it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor and inform him that the Common Council is organized, and ready to receive any communication he might desire to make to them.

Ald. Miller, Cleveland and James, were appointed such committee.

The committee having retired, subsequently returned and reported that the Mayor was not then prepared to make any communication to the Common Council, but would do so at an early day.

The President announced the following as the STANDING COMMITTEES of the Board:

Finance—Ald. James, Miller, Lyon.

Laws and Ordinance—Miller, Slater, James.

Schools—Cleveland, White, Miller.

Fire and Water—Brower, Edge, Tyrrell.

Streets—Edge, Gardner, White.

Alms—Slater, Brower, Whitlock.

Police and Licenses—Gardner, Cleveland, Tyrrell.

Assessments—Narine, Brower, Lyon.

Public Grounds and Buildings—Rappleyea, Edge, Hill.

Lamps—Hill, James, Gardner.

Watch—Lyon, Rappleyea, Low.

Ferries and Wharves—Low, Whitlock, Narine.

Sewers—Tyrrell, Slater, Low.

Public Health—Whitlock, Cleveland, Hill.

Salaries, Offices and Elections—White, Narine, Rappleyea.

(Ald. Narine appeared and took his seat.)

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Communication from A. D. Hope resigning his position as a member of the board of education. Received and ordered filed.

Petition of J. R. Wortendyke and others, for the appointment of Alonzo Putman as City Physician for the Third and Fourth Wards. Received and laid upon the table.

Constables Bonds of William A. Pollard, and John F. Richardson. Approved and ordered filed.

Benjamin F. Champney's bond as Constable Ordered to be returned on account of its informality.

Four petitions, one from every ward of the city asking the appointment of Edgar Morris as street Commisioner. Received and laid upon the table.

Petition of the Watchmen from the Second Ward to be re-appointed city watchmen. Received and laid upon the table.

Resignation by Jesse Platt of the office of Assessor, from the Third and Fourth Wards. Received and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of lamp lighters, $72; J. F. Richardson, $1-50; and lamp lighters, $72. Referred to committee on lamps.

Of Hugh Slater, $3 06. Referred to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Daniel Keenan, $341 04. Referred to committee on streets.

Of John F. Richardson, $8. Referred to committee on watch.

Of Nathaniel Ellis, $28 25. Referred to committee on police and licenses, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of City Watchmen, $475. Referred to committee on watch, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Fidelity Division, Sons of Temperance, $31 25. Referred to committee on public grounds and buildings, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the board proceeded to the appointment of City Clerk.

Ald. Brower, Low and James were appointed tellers

A balloting was had with the following result:

George W. Cassedy received nine votes.

Abiel Abbot received five votes.

One blank vote was cast.

Whereupon, George W. Cassedy was declared appointed City Clerk,

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the board proceeded to the appointment of Street Commissioner.

The same tellers were appointed.

(Ald. Gardner appeared and took his seat.)

A balloting was had with the following result:

Edgar Morris received nine votes.
Robert McLoughlin received one vote.
Alexander Wilson received one vote.
James Flemming received one vote.
Four blank votes were cast.

Whereupon, Edgar Morris was declared appointed Street Commissioner.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the board proceeded to the appointment of Captain of the Watch.

The same tellers were appointed.

A balloting was had with the following result:

John R. Benedict received nine votes.
William A. Pollard received six votes.
Benjamin F. Champney received one vote.

Whereupon John R. Benedict was declared appointed Captain of the Watch.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the board proceeded to the appointment of Assistant Captain of the Watch.

The same tellers were appointed.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Charles J, Farley received nine votes.
William A. Pollard received two votes.
Benjamin F. Champney received four votes
One blank vote was cast.

Whereupon Charles J. Farley was declared appointed Assistant Captain of the watch.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the board to appoint, *viva voce*, a City Marshal; and—

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Nathaniel Ellis was unanimously appointed City Marshal.

On motion of Ald. Miller the board proceeded to the appointment of Overseer of the Poor.

The same tellers were appointed.

A balloting was had with the following result:

William Whitley received fourteen votes.
Two blank votes were cast.

Whereupon, William Whitley was declared appointed Overseer of the Poor,

On motion of Ald. Slater, the board proceeded to the appointment of Collector of Assessments.

The same tellers were appointed.

The result of the ballotings was as follows:

FIRST BALLOTING.

James Gopsill received four votes.
Charles N. Betts received three votes.
Jacob Z. Marinus received eight votes.
One blank vote was cast.

SECOND BALLOTING.

Jacob Z. Marinus received nine votes.
James Gopsill received five votes.
Charles N. Betts received two votes.

Whereupon Jacob Z. Marinus was declared appointed Collector of Assessments.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, the board proceeded to the appointment of Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

The same tellers were appointed.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Stephen Quaife received nine votes.
James Gopsill received four votes.
Charles N. Betts received two votes.
One blank vote was cast.

Whereupon Stephen Quaife was declared appointed Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

Ald. Rappleyea moved that the board adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald. Low offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That John A. Ryerson be and hereby is authorized to take the Census of this city, this month (May), and report the same to this Common Council, for a compensation not exceeding forty dollars.

The resolution was rejected, subsequently on motion of Ald. Brower seconded by Ald. James, the vote by which the resolution was lost was re-considered.

Ald. Slater moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "forty dollars," and inserting in their place "thirty dollars" The amendment was rejected.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the board proceeded to the appointment of City Physicians.

The same tellers were appointed.

The following was the result of the balloting for City Physicians for the First and Second Wards.

William A. Durrie received fifteen votes. J. H. Vondy received one vote.

Whereupon William A. Durrie was declared appointed city Physician for the First and Second Wards.

The following is the result of the balloting for City Physician, for the Third and Fourth Wards.

Alfred A. Lutkins received nine votes.
J. J. Youlin received five votes.
Charles Cook received two votes.

Whereupon, Alfred A. Lutkins was declared appointed City Physician for the Third and Fourth wards.

Ald. Edge moved that the board adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Low, the board proceeded to the appointment of Treasurer.

The same tellers were appointed.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Isaac S. Miller received five votes.
John D. Ward received one vote.
David Smith received one vote.
Nine blank votes were cast.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the further balloting for Treasurer was postponed.

On motion of Ald. Brower the board proceeded to the appointment of Weigher and Measurer.

The same tellers were appointed.

A balloting was had with the following result:

John Sylvester received eleven votes.
Isaac Van Saun received four votes.
Daniel Keenan received one vote.

Whereupon John Sylvester was declared appointed Weigher and Measurer.

On motion of Ald. Miller the board proceeded to the appointment of Assessor from the 3d and 4th wards in the placeof Jesse Platt who has declined the office.

On motion of Ald. Low the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the board to make the appointment *viva voce*, and on motion of Ald. Low, Stephen Quaife was unanimously appointed to that office.

On motion of Ald. Low the board proceeded to the appointment of Superintendent of Ferries, Wharves and Piers.

On motion of Ald. Low the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and John Sylvester was viva voce unanimously appointed to that office.

The City Treasurer's report for April, 1853, showing a balance of $4 233 83 cents in the Treasury on the 1st inst., was presented, received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Narine the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Special Meeting, held at the City Clerk's office, on Tuesday, May 10th, 1853, at eight o' clock P M, called by his honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Hill, Tyrrell and James, for the purpose of confirming the official bond of the Street Commissioner.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Low was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Brower, Gardner, James, Miller and White.

The City Clerk being absent, on motion of Ald. Edge, Ald. Lyon was appointed City Clerk pro tempore.

The object of the meeting was stated.

The official bond of Edgar Morris, as Street Commissioner, with Cornelius Van Vorst and Thomas W. Morehouse as sureties, was presented by the President.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea ths bond was approved and ordered filed.

Ald. Low appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Ald. Edge the board then adjourned.

JOHN H. LYON, City Clerk, pro tempore.

Common Council.

Regular Meeting, May 17, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. James.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from John J. Wanner, accompanied by a certificate of sale of lot No. four, on block No. seventy-six, purchased by him at the corporation sale for assessments, on the 22d August, 1850, asking for a lease of said lot, pursuant to the terms of said certificate. Referred to the committee on finance.

Remonstrance of Cornelius Van Vorst and others against the extension of Mercer street from Gregory to Henderson street. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of Patrick McGonnell for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables in Jersey City. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Official bonds of Benjamin F. Champney, Nathaniel Ellis, and Thomas J. Foot as constables. Approved and ordered filed.

Official bond of George W. Casssedy, as city clerk. Approved and ordered filed.

Official bond of John Sylvester, as superintendent of ferries, wharves and piers. Approved and ordered filed.

Petitions of Michael Eagan and Joseph Hankley, for licenses to peddle fruit, fish and vegetables. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Communication from Samuel Anness, respecting the condition of Montgomery street, between Henderson and Grove streets. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of Cornelius Van Vorst and others for permission to curb, gutter, pave, &c., Jersey street, from Wayne street to a point one hundred feet northerly of Montgomery street, at their own cost and expense. Prayer of the petitioners granted, but the work to be done under the direction of the committee on streets.

Petition of Thomas Styles, for permission to occupy a small space of ground opposite the N. J. R. R. depot, as a stand for the sale of candies, &c. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of Henry Steele and others for the appointment of Timothy Manion as a city watchman. Laid upon the table.

Petition of John Neilson and others to have the blocks in York street, between Warren and Henderson streets paved or planked and raised to a proper grade, at as early a date as practicable. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of George Smith and others, to have a license granted to Peter Wagner to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of William Hough and others, for the granting of a license to John Campbell to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Petitions for the appointment of Thomas Springstien and James Smith as city watchmen. Referred to committee on watch.

Petitions for the appointment of Josiah Waldron, William Burke, and Charles Graham, as city watchmen. Laid upon the table.

Petition of John Van Vorst and others, to have South Fifth street, between Erie street and the Hudson River, graded, curbed, guttered, paved, &c., except that portion lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street. Referred to committee on streets, and the usual notice of the application ordered to be published.

Report by John A. Ryerson of the census of Jersey City, taken by him recently, pursuant to resolution of the Common Council, passed on the 3d inst. Received and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

Statement of an election held by the fire department, on the 3d instant, for Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers of that department declaring Thomas W. Morehouse to have been elected to the office of Chief Engineer; Horatio Read to that of First Assistant Engineer, and John D. Nolan Second Assistant Engineer. The election of Thomas W. Morehouse as Chief Engineer was confirmed; and Horatio Read was appointed First Assistant Engineer, and John D. Nolan Second Assistant Engineer of the fire department.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, notifying the Common Council of the resignation on the 6th instant, of A. H. Gustin, as a member of Hercules Engine Company No. 3, and of the expulsion of George Farrier from the same company on the 6th inst. Mr. Gustin's resignation accepted, and the name of George Farrier ordered to be stricken from the roll of said department.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department notifying the Common Council of the election of Stephen Quaife, William Chilver, and John Frazer, as members of Protection Engine Company No. 5, and of the resignation of John Philips and John Ward as members of the same company. Elections approved, the names of Messrs. Quaife, Chilver and Fraser ordered to be enrolled as members of the Fire De-

partment, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued to them, and the proper entries of resignations to be made in the roll books of the said department.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Judges and Clerk of Election in Third Ward, $25 50; George W. Cassedy, $162 50; William Whitley, $100; George E. Cutter, $100; John A. Ryerson, $40; John Whitley, $1 50; and Jas. Flemming, for services as Street Commissioner, no amount named. Referred to Committee on Officers, Salaries and Elections.

Of George McLaughlin, $2 50; and T. W. Morehouse, $200. Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Hiram Gilbert, $15; Ann Tiernan, $1; Ira Clark, $16 28; and James B. Dunn, $5. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of James Flemming, $16. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Special Police of May 12th, 1853, $19.—Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Of D. C. Gardner, $7; and George Coleman & Co., $37 25; and J. Wilson, $6 50. Referred to committee on alms.

The committee on alms presented a statement of monies expended by them out of an appropriation of one hundred dollars heretofore made by the Common Council. Referred to committee on finance.

The Annual Message of his honor the Mayor was presented, read, and five hundred copies ordered to be published in pamphlet form under direction of the City Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Miller it was

Resolved, That the subjects contained in the Mayor's message be referred to their appropriate committees.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication notice of application to have Mercer street opened through from Henderson street to Gregory street. Received and ordered filed.

The special committee, consisting of Ald. Edge, Miller and Narine, to whom was referred on the 19th ult., the communication of John D. Ward in relation to the assessment of portions of Washington, Greene, and Wayne streets, presented a report signed by Ald. Edge and Narine, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant on the City Treasurer for fifty-seven dollars and six cents be drawn in favor of John D. Ward, and that the Treasurer be directed to deduct the above amount from any payments he may make to, or to the order of Daniel Keenan.

Report received and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald. Miller moved to adopt the resolution.

The motion was rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald, Slater, Narine, and Lyon.

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Gardner and Narine.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. James.

On motion of Ald. Miller, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report the unfinished business of the former Board.

Ald. Miller, Narine, and Slater were appointed such committee.

The Rules of Order were suspended to enable the Board to make certain appointments *viva voce;* and the following were unanimously made:

William Allen, Constable from the Fourth Ward, to fill a vacancy. William Anness, Watchman from the Second Ward, to fill a vacancy. David Gould, re-appointed a member of the Board of Education. to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of his own term of office as a member of said Board from the First Ward. William C. Morris, appointed a member of the Board of Education for the Third Ward to fill a vacancy. Charles M. Holmes, appointed a member of the Board of Education from the Third Ward, in the place of A. D. Hope, resigned. M. R. Case appointed a member of the Board of Education from the Second Ward, in place of Luke C. Lyman, who has moved out of the Ward. James Flemming re-appointed a member of the Board of Education from the Second Ward.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be, and they are hereby authorised to purchase for the city, for the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, the three lots belonging to William Bockus, situated on the south west corner of Erie and South Second streets, and known on the Assessor's map as lots No. one, two and three Erie street, on block one hundred and seventy-eight, each lot being 25 feet x 100 feet, for the purpose of erecting a Public School House thereon for the Fourth ward, and that a bond of the city be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, for twenty-three hundred dollars, payable in five years, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent per annum; and the mortgage now on said lots, amounting to $1,200, be assumed by the city for the purchase money above named, viz: thirty five hundred dollars, and that said committee be also authorised to purchase in the name of the city

a fourth lot adjoining the three before mentioned.

Ald. White, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections, and Ald. Tyrrell, Chairman of the Committee on Sewers, desiring to exchange positions with each other as chairmen of their respective committees. On motion of Ald. Low, permission was granted to them to make such exchange.

On motion of Ald. Miller it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorised to return to Lambert Suydam a certificate of sale for a lot purchased at corporation sale of July 27, 1849, presented and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances for the purpose of obtaining a lease for the lot described in said certificate, but which was subsequently ascertained to have been redeemed

The President having left the chair, called Ald. Low to it, and on motion of the President it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to devise some plan if possible, to free the trees of the city from worms and insects, and that they have full power to take such steps as they deem necessary and proper to carry out this object.

A communication from the President of the Board of Water Commissioners, on the subject of numbering the houses in the city, was presented and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That when any petition shall be presented asking for an improvement of which notice is required by the Charter to be given, except for the opening of streets, building of sewers, and establishing or altering the grade of any street, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish the notice required by the Clerk unless otherwise directed.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be authorized to employ a suitable person to superintend the improvement now progressing in Jersey Avenue, at a sum not exceeding two dollars per day, until said improvement shall be completed.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved that when the Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday next the 24th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of hearing Mr. Whitwell. Chief Engineer of the Water Works, on the subject of the proposed plan of sewerage for the city.

On motion of Ald. Slater it was

Resolved, That until further ordered, the hour of meeting of the Common Council shall be eight o'clock, P. M.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Clerk have 300 copies of the ordinance regulating and licensing cartmen printed, a portion of which to be posted in some public place, and also for distribution among cartmen that take such license.

On motion of Ald. Miller, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to have all the City Ordinances printed in pamphlet form.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances were appointed such committee.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant for one hundred dollars be drawn on the City Treasury, in favor of the committee on alms, to be accounted for by them.

Ald. Gardner offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum for omnibus and stage licenses be fixed at ten dollars, for the ensuing year.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Adjourned Meeting, May 24th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Miller, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. James and Low.

On motion of Ald. Miller the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The President stated that this meeting was held, pursuant to resolution adopted at the previous meeting of the Common Council, for the purpose of hearing Mr. Whitwell, Chief Engineer of the Water Works, on the subject of the proposed plan of sewerage for Jersey City.

Mr. Whitwell appeared before the Board, and gave explanations on the subject of sewerage, and the plan proposed by him in his report to the Board of Water Commissioners.

A communication from John D. Ward, President of the Board of Water Commissioners, in reference to the cost, &c., of sewering the city was presented, read, received, and laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Special Meeting at the Common Council Chamber, May 31st, 1853, at 8 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor for the purpose of receiving the report of the commmittee on unfinished business, and acting on the same, of considering the ordinances on the table, of taking measures to provide for cleaning the streets, and for the reception and approval of official bonds.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Low was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

The official bonds of William Allen as Constable, and Jacob Z. Marinus as Collector of Assessments were presented, approved, and ordered filed.

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business before the Common Council presented a report. The report was received and the subjects contained therein ordered to be referred to their appropriate committees.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the ordinance providing for the planking of the carriage ways of Grand street, from Grove to Van Vorst street, approved January 7th, 1853, was referred to the committee on streets.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on streets be directed to advertise for proposals for cleaning the public streets, and removing garbage, ashes, &c., and that they report such proposals at the next meeting of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald. Slater it was

Resolved, That all ordinances on the table relative to sewers be taken up and referred to the committee on sewers.

(Ald. Edge retired.)

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prescribe the duties of Overseer of the Poor" was taken up, amended, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas.—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Low.

(Ald. Low appeared and took his seat.)

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the filling in grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag side-walks four feet wide, and bridge stone cross walks, at all the intersectious, of Erie street, between Michigan street and Pavonia Avenue" was taken up, amended, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas.—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Narine.

Absent—Ald. Edge.

Previous to the vote being taken on the passage of the Ordinance for the filling in etc. of Erie street, between Michigan street and Pavonia avenue, Ald. Narine moved "That the Ordinance be laid on the table until the next meet- of the Common Council," which motion was lost.

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for filling into the established grade South 8th street, between Newark Avenue and Grove street, and to regulate, curb and gutter, and lay flag side-walks four feet wide on both sides of said street," was taken up, amended, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas —The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge.

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, and flagging the side-walks on both sides, four feet wide, South Sixth street, between Jersey Avenue and Newark Avenue," was taken up, amended, and then laid upon the table again.

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending the Ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance to license and regulate carts in Jersey City,' adopted April 26, 1850," was taken up, discussed, and again laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular Meeting, June 7th, 1853.

Present, all the members of the Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 17th ultimo, and of the adjourned meeting of the 24th ultimo, were read and approved.

The minutes of the special meeting of the 31st May last were read, and on motion of Ald. Narine, were amended, so as to read, that before the vote was taken on the passage of the ordinance providing for the filling in, &c., of Erie street, between Michigan street and Pavonia avenue. Ald. Narine moved "*that the Ordinance be laid upon the table until the next meeting of the Common Council. Which motion was lost*" The minutes of the 31st ultimo, as amended, were then approved.

Petitions, communications, etc , were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Amos D. Wykoff and Lyman R. Baily, to have Jersey street, between Bright and Grand streets, filled up to the established grade. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of William Murta and others to have a side walk laid, flagged four feet wide, curbed and guttered, on the south side of Railroad avenue, from Grove street to the starch factory.—Referred to Committee on Streets.

Memorial of David Bedford, receiver of property of Wooley and Sanderson, praying that money due to them by the city may be paid to him as receiver, under an order of Chief Justice Greene. Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of M. B. Emmot and others, complaining of the condition of that part of Newark avenue, which lies between Warren and Prospect streets, and asking the aid of the Common Council in the matter. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Joseph Clowes and others, complaining of the practice of bathing in the Cove, south of the long dock, in the Fourth ward, and also of disorderly conduct of parties on the Sabbath in that ward, and asking relief from the Common Council. Referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, with instructions to report an ordinance to meet the views of the petitioners, and to the Committee on Police and Licenses with power to abate the nuisances complained of.

Petition of James King for a license to peddle fruit, fish and vegetables. Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Petition of Henry Stiff and others, for the appointment of Richard Creech as a day or night watchman. Referred to Committee on Watch.

Communication of C. F. Durant, objecting to the Water Commissioners' Report upon a plan of City Sewerage.

Ald. Lyon moved to "refer the communication to the Committee on Sewers."

Ald. Rappleyea moved to amend the motion by adding "and that it be printed."

Ald. Miller moved as an amendment to the amendment, that "it be referred to the Committee on Sewers, with authority to publish such portions of the communication as they deem of public interest."

The amendment of Ald. Miller was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Lyon and Low.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Edge, James, Low, Narine, Rappleyea and White.

The motion of Ald. Lyon, as amended by Ald. Miller's amendment, was then adopted.

Communication from Daniel Crane in relation to the Morris Canal, &c. Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of A. A. Hardenburgh and others for the appointment of Michael McLaughlin as a city watchman. Referred to Committee on Watch.

Petition of John S. Mark and others, asking the Common Council to require the New Jersey R. R. and Transportation Co. to fence their road with an *iron fence*, &c. Referred to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Petition of Patrick Malony for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Stephen W. Treadwell to be appointed a Sunday policeman. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Resignation of William Startup as a Sunday policeman from the 3d Ward. Received and ordered filed.

Petition of William Pile to be re-appointed a city Auctioneer. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of J. V. Talmage and others, for the abatement of a nuisance caused by the location of hog-pens on the vacant lot, between Morris and Sussex streets, in the rear of the "Russell Buildings." Referred to committee on public health.

Annual estimate, by the Board of Education, of the amount of money which will be required for the support of the public schools during the present year. Referred to committee on Finance.

Resignation of Joseph D. Allen as a city watchman. Received and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Drayton and Durant, $13 75; H. Stiff, $19; Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery Co., $37; Ingham and Daly, $41 50; Hoyt and Coykendall, $8 50; W. Bumsted, $34 50; Randall & Co., $9 50; J. S. Mark, $11 50; G. Duncan, $9; A. B. & G. Ryerson, $25 50; J. H. Smyth, $55 57; D. C. Gardner, $6 75; G. Ford, $9; M. Williams, $17; J. Wiley, $9 50; I. Morrow, $6 50; E. Hope, $7 50; J. Wilson, $4 75; G. Ford, $49 19; I. Morrow, $5 25; J. McDonald, $20 25; and J. Erwin, $30 49. Referred to committee on alms.

Of G. E. Winants, $6 056 40; J. Bevan, $200; J. Casey, $88 89; and B. W. Ryder, $29 50. Referred to committee on streets.

Of W. Horton, $25; W. Bumsted, $263 43; and I. Spinning, $5. Referred to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of W. D. Stivers, $2 12; and W. D. Stivers, $2 25. Referred to committee on watch.

Of G. W. Edge, $6; J. C Robins, $6; W. M. S. Garrison, $6; and J. Flemming, Jun., $7 50 Referred to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of H. Stiff, $3. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Of J. R. Wortendyke, $6 80. Referred to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of W. M. Ormsby, $15; Connelly and Bayley, $20 04; H. Stiff, $61 25; Woolsey and Clark, $34 58; and Protection Engine Co., No. 5, $9. Referred to committee on fire and water.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Sunday policemen, $40; N. Ellis, $56 89; Edgar Morris, $67 13; A. Wilson, $7 76; and Edgar Morris, $12 75.

The following claims presented and referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid.

Of G. McLaughlin, $2 50; J. Flemming, $16; Lamp Lighters, $72; J. F. Richardson, $1 50; J. Wilson, $6 50; D. C. Gardner, $7; George Coleman & Co., $37 25; W. Whitley, $100: Judges and Clerk of Election in 3d ward, $25-50; J. A. Ryerson, $40; J. Whitley, $1 50; G. W. Cassedy, $162 50; J. F. Richardson, $8; W. D. Stivers, $2 25; G. E. Cutter, $100; H. Stiff, $1 25; Special police, $19; and W. Fliteroft, $46.

Requisitions were presented from the Board of Education for payment of the amounts due on the following claims, and warrants for the following named amounts, were ordered to be drawn on the treasurer in favor of the claimants.

S. R. Tyrrell. $16 38; G. Box, $7; Daily Telegraph, $13 75; Jane McGrath, $11 25; and George H. Linsley and George W. Russ, $50.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Committee on Finance in relation to the application of John J. Wanner, for leases of two lots sold to him at assessment sale, referred to the committee on the 17th May last; the report stating that the lots are unredeemed, and Mr. Wanner is entitled to leases for the same, and recommending that the City Attorney be directed to make out the said leases. The report was adopted.

Of Committee on Police and Licenses on the petitions referred to them on the 17th May last, for licenses to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, adverse to granting such licenses. The report was accepted and adopted.

Of Committee on Streets, setting forth that they had advertised for proposals for building a plank road from the centre of Van Vorst street to where it joins the Bergen Point and Jersey City plank road, and submitting one proposal, being the only one received for said contract.

The report was received, the proposal was opened and read, and found to be from John Arbuckle.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution in relation to said proposal, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proposals for building a Plank Road in Grand street, from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove, which has been received by the committee on streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the Common Council, be referred to the committee on streets, with authority to contract with the bidder for said work, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

Of Committee on Streets, setting forth that they had advertised for proposals for cleaning the streets of the city, and submitting the proposals received by them. The report was received.

The proposals were opened and read, and found to be from A. Love, Jeremiah Casey, John Doyle, Peter Curley and James Ward.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution in relation to said proposals, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proposals for cleaning the public streets of Jersey City, and removing the garbage, ashes, &c., therefrom which have been received by the Committee on streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the

Common Council, be referred to the Committee on streets, with authority to contract with the lowest bidder for said contract, provided the committee deem it for the interest of the city to do so.

Of Committee on Streets, setting forth that they have employed Mr. William Moore as the superintendent of the work in progress on Jersey Avenue, at two dollars and fifty cents per day. The report was adopted.

Of Committee of Finance, enclosing a statement of monies received by the City Clerk for assessments arising from the corporation sale of the 31st ultimo, and paid into the city treasury. The report and statement were received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Finance presented the "declarations of sale" of property sold at the assessment sale of the 31st ultimo, and submitted the following resolution in relation thereto, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the declaration of sale now submitted be approved of, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto, and they be delivered to the persons entitled thereto, on application therefor.

The Committee on Finance presented a report setting forth, that the sale for taxes advertised to take place on the 31st ultimo, had been suspended by the committee, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance cause to be prepared and published in the corporation paper, according to law, a schedule of all the property assessed for taxes of 1852, and for all previous taxes that have not been paid; and that said committee cause legal notice to be given that all lands, tenements and real estate, subject to such taxes, will be sold at public auction, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of September next, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, Jersey City, for the shortest time for which any person will agree to take the same and pay such tax or the balance thereof remaining unpaid, with the interest, costs and expenses thereon; said notice and advertisement to be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and published in said paper at least sixty days prior to the sale, and put up in at least five of the most public places in the city, and the committee be authorized and directed to take charge of the said sale, with power to adjourn, and fix rules for the same.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

Ald. James obtained leave and retired.

The committee on lamps reported as incorrect the claim of the lamp-lighters for $72, presented and referred to the committee on the 3d May last. The report was accepted.

The Committee on salaries, offices and elections, presented a report on the claim of James Flemming for services as street commissioner, referred to said committee on the 17th May last, no amount having been named in the claim, setting forth that the provisions of the city charter require the amount of a claim to be stated, and recommending that the claim be returned to Mr. Flemming to be filled up. The report was received and the bill ordered filed.

The Committee on salaries, offices and elections, reported an ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing salaries." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 30th May, 1853, was presented, read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Common Council and published therewith.

Resolved, That the Committee on public grounds and buildings be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase for the city, for the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, the three lots belonging to William Bockus, situated on the south-west corner of Erie and South Second streets, and known on the Assessors map as lots one, two and three Erie street, on block one hundred and seventy eight; each lot being 25x 100 feet, for the purpose of erecting a public school house thereon, for the Fourth ward, and that a bond of the city be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, for twenty-three hundred dollars, payable in five years, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum; and the mortgage now on said lots amounting to $1,200, be assumed by the city for the purchase money above named, viz: thirty-five hundred dollars, and that said committee be also authorized to purchase in the name of the city, a fourth lot adjoining the three before mentioned.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, May 30, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

The resolution passed by your Honorable Body, on the 17th inst., authorizing the Committee on public grounds and buildings to purchase three lots of ground at the south-west corner of Erie and South Second streets, for the sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (3500), for the purpose of erecting a public school-house; also the purchase of a fourth and adjoining lot, is herewith returned unapproved.

Since the resolution has been officially before me, I have examined the property in question, and find the fourth lot referred to in the resolution has a dwelling erected on it, and if purchased on fair terms, it could not be used for the object intended without a sacrifice to the city.

I am, therefore, constrained to withhold my approval from a resolution that not only contemplates the purchase of a house and lot with-

out limits as to price, but authorizes the purchase of three lots at $3500, which is deemed above their fair market value, as compared with sales recently made in that vicinity, or with the assessors valuations of the same lots last year, (being then assessed at $2400.)

But there are other and more serious objections which present themselves to my mind. The location is not sufficiently central to accommodate the inhabitants north of the Railroad, and in my judgment, a corner of a block should never be selected as a site for a school-house, even if the land could be procured at a less price than in a more retired part of it.

A corner location would not only incur a much larger expenditure in the erection of the building, by reason of its two fronts, but the additional fence, sewerage, street improvements and repairs, that must be incurred from time to time, would be more than double that of four lots on the middle of a block.

Besides, on a public corner, there will always be more bustle and noise, and the children more exposed to danger.

I have consulted a number of the members of the Board of Education, with reference to the object and locality of the lots in question, and all concur in the opinion that four lots will be required for the object proposed; that the location is not calculated to meet the present or future wants of our citizens, and that a corner location is by no means desirable.

I therefore return the resolution for your further consideration and action.

D. S. MANNERS,
Mayor.

Ald. Narine moved to re-consider the vote by which the resolution was passed. The motion was carried.

Ald. Narine then moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was carried.

The annual report of George E. Cutter, Esquire, Recorder, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the Corporation paper.

The semi-annual report of William Pile, as City Auctioneer, to May 1st, 1853, setting forth that he has made no sales for the six months preceding that date, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

The President presented an order of the Hudson County Circuit Court, in the case of Neilson & Miller, against William Sanderson, served upon his Honor the Mayor on the 19th ultimo. The order was referred to the committee on laws and ordinances.

The Committee on Finance presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Bevan, for one hundred and thirteen dollars, being the amount of his bill for measurement of grades, &c., on Washington street, from Morgan street to Steuben street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The Committee on Finance presented the following resolution—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow for the use of the city, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and that a bond or bonds of the city be issued therefore under the direction of said committee, payable in six months, and bearing interest not exceeding the rate of six per cent. per annum; and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the Seal of the City be affixed thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas.—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Miller presented a petition from Justus Slater for permission to enclose for temporary purposes, parts of certain streets, &c., and also the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas it appears by the petition of Justus Slater, that he had become the owner of the lands formerly under water in block No. 13, between Bay and Harsimus streets, and east of Green street, and has since filled up the same together with the one half part of Green street, and the one half of Harsimus street to the established grade, so far as said block is bounded by said streets; and whereas said parts of said streets so filled in, are situated at the extreme northern part of the city, as the same is at present improved, and the said Justus Slater hath requested the permission of the Common Council to enclose said parts of streets for temporary purposes, and it appearing that no public use of said streets is now required.

Resolved, That Justus Slater have the permission of the Common Council to enclose by a temporary fence, such parts of Greene and Harsimus streets around his block No. 13, as he has filled to the established grade, and to continue the same during the pleasure of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald. Brower it was resolved, that when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday next, the 14th instant, at eight o'clock P. M.

Ald. Lyon offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That there be two hundred copies of the ordinance governing the Police and Watch Departments printed for the use of the departments; said printing to be done under the direction of the City Clerk.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be re-

quested to report to the Common Council, on the expediency of having a small building erected on the Alms House lot, in which shall be kept articles of food to be dispensed to the poor, by the Overseer of the Poor, under the direction of Committee on Alms.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances are hereby directed, without delay, to report to this Board an ordinance providing for the organisation of a proper Day Police, for the protection of the city and the preservation of good order therein.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was adopted;

Resolved, That a warrant for three hundred and fifty dollars be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to be appropriated for fire works, music, firing a National Salute on the approaching Fourth day of July, and that the amount hereby appropriated shall be accounted for hereafter by said committee.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved. That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby authorised to sell the grass in Van Vorst square, provided that the party purchasing said grass shall cut and carry the same away at his own expense.

Ald. Gardner offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police and Licenses be authorised and directed to employ two of the regular Constables of the city to act as Day Police, until an ordinance organising a Day Police shall be in force, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Ald. Cleveland presented an ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns, and to prohibit traffic in, or sale of, intoxicating drink or drinks." The ordinance was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Brower, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Daniel McNamara was, viva voce, appointed a Sunday Policeman for the Third ward to fill the vacancy from that ward.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and William E. Barnes was, viva voce, appointed a member of the Board of Education from the Fourth ward, in the place of Erastus Randall, who declines a reappointment.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and the following appointments of Watchmen from the Fourth ward were made viva voce:

Edward Kenney, in the place of John Francisco, who has ceased to act.

Thomas Ludwith, in the place of J. D. Allen, resigned. And—

John Keelan, in place of Joseph Conck, reported deaf.

Ald. White offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be requested to report an ordinance for the opening of Jersey avenue, from Mercer street to Newark avenue.

Ald. Gardner offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sunday Police be instructed to enter complaints before some Justice of the Peace against all persons keeping open their places of business on the Sabbath in violation of the laws of this State.

Ald. Edge, Chairman of the Committee on Streets, and Ald. Hill, Chairman of the Committee on Lamps, desiring to exchange positions with each other on said committees.

On motion of Ald. Lyon permission was granted to them to make such exchange.

On motion of Ald. Narine it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to have new committee cards printed for the use of the Board.

The rule requiring a balloting having been suspended for the purpose, John Francisco was, viva voce, appointed Pound-keeper for the 1st, 2d and 3d wards of the city.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Adjourned meeting, June 14th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Hudson River Cement Company, asking the exclusive use of the bulkhead between Bay and Harsimus streets, during the pleasure of the Common Council. Referred to Committee on Ferries and Wharves.

Petition of Patrick Martin and others, to have the sunken lots in the blocks lying between Newark avenue and Morgan street, and between Morgan and Bay streets, along Prospect street, filled up. Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Communication from John Hedden and Bernard Hughes, complaining of the grading and paving of Jersey avenue. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Communication from the Board of Water Commissioners, inviting the Common Council to accompany them, on Monday the 20th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., on a visit to the several parts of the Jersey City Water Works. Invitation accepted, and the City Clerk directed to inform the Board of Water Commissioners of the acceptance of their invitation, and to notify the members of the Common Council of the reception of the same.

(Ald. Brower obtained leave and retired.)

Communication from E. B. Wakeman, Esq., Attorney for J. L. Burst & Co., in reference to the moneys due to Wooley & Sanderson. Received and laid upon the table.

Communication from the Board of Education, enclosing the resolutions adopted by said Board, in reference to building a school house in the Fourth ward. Received and laid upon the table.

Communication from C. A. Woolsey, Superintendent of the Jersey City Ferry Company, inviting the Common Council and City Clerk to take an excursion up the Hudson river, on board of the new steam ferry boat, Dudley S. Gregory, on the 15th inst., at 11 o'clock. Invitation accepted.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Josiah M. Topping, $6, and E. B. Wakeman, $62 50. Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections.

Of James B. Dunn, $9 65. Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of R. & J. McLaughlin, $60 69. Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of William Coleman, $8 57; John B. Haight, $1 25; and Samuel Hetherington, $52. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of James Flemming, $187 51. Referred to Committee on Streets; subsequently reported correct and ordered paid, the rules having been suspended to enable the Board to audit the claim.

Of J. B. Stone, $33 33. Referred to Committee on Watch; subsequently reported correct and ordered paid, the rules having been suspended to enable the Board to audit the claim.

The rules of order were suspended, for the purpose of enabling the Board to audit claims, and the following, presented and referred to Committees at previous meetings, were reported correct, for the following named amounts respectively, and the same were ordered paid.

Of Isaac Spinning, $5; J. R. Wortendyke, $6 80; W. D. Stivers, $2 25; James Flemming, $7 50; George W. Edge, $6; W. M. S. Garrison, $6; John C. Robbins, $6; Ann Tiernan, $1; William Bumstead, $263 43; Ira Clark, $16 28; William Horton, $25; Hiram Gilbert, $15; W. D. Stivers, $2 12; James B. Dunn, $5; and Hugh Slater, $8 06.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented a report which was accepted; and the subjects contained therein, ordered to be distributed by the Clerk to their appropriate committees.

A claim of James B. Dunn, for $57 10 was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings. Subsequently the claim was reported correct; the rules were suspended to enable the Board to audit the claim, and the same was ordered paid.

The Committee on Finance presented a report on the "annual estimate" of the Board of Education; the report recommending that eight thousand dollars be appropriated to maintain the public schools for the present year. Report received and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented a report on the communication of Daniel Crane, referred to them on the 7th inst., in relation to the Morris Canal; the report setting forth that the proper source of redress for the injuries complained of, if they have been committed, is to the courts of law of State, and not to the Common Council. Report reported, and committee discharged from the furthes consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Streets presented a report

on the petion of M. B. Emmot and others, referred to said committee on the 7th inst., asking for an alteration of the gutter on the north side of Newark avenue, between Warren and Prospect street; the report setting forth that the committee deem it inexpedient to alter the curb and gutter. &c., and that the water can be drained off by putting in a receiving basin and culvert, &c , and recommending that the matter be referred to the Committee on Sewers for further action. Report received; committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject and the matter referred to the Committee on Sewers.

The Committee on Streets presented contracts with Garret E. Winants for improvements in Morgan, Washington and Steuben streets, together with the bonds for the fulfilment of the said contracts, and offered the following resolution in relation thereto, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the contracts with Garret E. Winants, for filling in parts of Morgan and Washington streets, and Steuben street, from Prospect street to Greene street, he approved; and that the contracts be executed on the part of this corporation, by his Honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the City Clerk, and that the bonds which accompany the said contracts be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The Committees of Police and Licenses, Sewers, Laws and Ordinances, Watch, Streets, and Alms, presented of the amounts of monies which will be required by them the present year. The estimates were received and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented the plans of Engine House, No. 2, and of Hook and Ladder House, together with the specifications for the same, and reported the proposals for building said houses. The proposals were opened, and there were found to be one from William Bumsted for doing the mason work of Engine House, No. 2; one from Charles E. Newham for doing the Carpenter work on same house; and a proposal from Charles E. Newham to do the carpenter work on the proposed Hook and Ladder House. The proposals were received and laid upon the table.

A Communication from Isaac S. Miller, City Treasurer, in relation to the duties of his office and the salary to be fixed for that officer, was presented and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the following resolution, adopted October 19th, 1852, and approved October, 29, 1852, which was returned by the Committee on Alms on the 26th April last, and laid upon the table, was taken up for consideration:—

Resolved that the Committee on Alms be authorized to purchase, in the name of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, four or more lots for the purpose of burying deceased poor of said city.

Ald. Slater moved to rescind the resolution. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald James the resolution was then laid upon the table.

Ald Slater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be requested to report to the Common Council whether a suitable piece of ground can be purchased for the purpose of a Cemetery in which to bury the city poor, and at what price?

On motion of Ald. James, the Tax Ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 7th instant, together with the estimates of Committees laid upon the table at this meeting, was taken up for consideration. Several blanks in the ordinance were filled.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the ordinance and the estimates were referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to fill up the blanks in the ordinance; and the Committees which have not done so were instructed to present the Committee on Finance their estimates of the appropriations which they will require for the current year.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Special Meeting at the City Clerk's Office, June 17th, 1853, at 4 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor, the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Lyon, Rappleyea and Cleveland, for the purpose of considering the ordinances upon the table, and acting on the proposals for building Engine, and Hook and Ladder houses.

Present—The President and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, James and Low.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, the proposals and specifications for building an Engine house, and a Hook and Ladder house, laid upon the table at the previous meeting of the Common Council, were taken up for consideration.

The President presented a proposal from William Bumstead, for doing the mason's work and plasterer's work of the Hook and Ladder house proposed to be built, which was received at the last meeting of the Board, but through an oversight, not presented at that time.

Ald. Rappleyea moved, "That the proposals be received and referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, with instructions to contract for building the Engine and Hook and Ladder houses with the lowest bidder, if the Committee deem it for the interest of the City to do so."

Ald. Miller moved to amend the motion so as to make it read, "that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, with instructions to report as to the expediency of building the Engine and Hook and Ladder houses for the prices named in the proposals, and also as to whether both houses cannot be built on the same lot." The motion to amend was lost.

Ald. Miller moved that the motion be amended so as to read, "that the proposals be rejected for the reason that they exceed the amounts named in the resolutions authorizing the building of the Engine and Hook and Ladder houses."

The amendment was accepted by Ald. Rappleyea, and his motion as amended was then adopted.

Ald. Tyrrell moved to take up for consideration the ordinance fixing salaries. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald Slater, it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of building an Engine and Hook and Ladder house contemplated in the resolutions passed on the 21st of April last, and approved on the 5th ultimo, be referred back to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, with instructions to report at an early day new plans and specifications, and that so much of the said resolutions as indicates a particular plan and specifications be rescinded and that the expense of building said houses shall not exceed two thousand dollars each.

On motion of Ald Miller, the ordinance fixing salaries was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was read; the salaries of the Recorder, City Clerk and City Marshal were fixed at the sums recommended in the ordinance; and pending the discussion of that part which relates to the Comptroller's salary, and the subject of the Comptrollership, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular meeting, June 21st, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge. Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Gardner and Narine were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Miller.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication of Daniel Crane in relation to the Morris Canal Company. Laid upon the table.

Communication of Thomas W. Morehouse, resigning the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department—the resignation to take effect on the 20th of July next. Received and ordered filed.

Petition of John L. Burst and others, for a license to William H. Frazee to keep an inn or tavern on the corner of Grand and Hudson street, called the Washington Hotel. Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Petition of John F. Bennett and others, to have Coles street, between South Second and South Fourth streets, graded, curbed, guttered, and crosswalks and sidewalks laid four feet wide on each side of the street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Lorin Brooks and others, to have Railroad avenue, from Newark avenue to Prospect street, filled in to the established grade, and the walk along the proposed line of improvement curbed, guttered and flagged. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Charles Fink, in relation to a lot sold for taxes in 1848. Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The following communication from the Board of Education was presented, ordered to be printed, and referred to committee on Schools:

To the Honorable, the Mayor and
Common Council of Jersey City:

The following is a copy of a preamble and resolutions adopted by the Board of Education at their last meeting, held June 20, 1853, at the City Clerk's office:

Whereas, having found the proposal of Mr. Evan Jones, for the brick work of the School house, proposed to be erected in the Third ward, plans of which have been submitted to the Common Council and approved by them, to be the lowest presented; and having found Mr. ——— Brokaw's proposition for the carpenters' work of said School house the lowest presented; and, whereas, further, in the opinion of this Board, a School house of the size and general plan of the one in question, is such as the interest of the City imperiously demand. Therefore—

Resolved, That contracts be entered into with the above mentioned gentlemen, provided the Common Council approve of the same.

Resolved, further, That the Clerk communicate to the Common Council the above preamble and resolutions, together with the following statement of the action of this Board in the premises:

Sealed proposals were issued for the building of the School house in the usual manner, being for a building according to plans and specifications heretofore proposed under the direction of this Board, and approved by the Common Council—that the same were advertised the usual length of time, in the Corporation newspaper; that the advertisement was extended two or three times that the greatest publicity might be given to the same; that the copies of the specifications were sent to mechanics in considerable number, within the City and elsewhere; that at the last regular meeting of this Board, it was ascertained that seven sealed proposals had been received for the carpenters' work and materials, and that three poposals had been received for the mason' work and materials; that it was resolved to open the same, and that it was found that the lowest carpenters' estimate was from ——— Brokaw and the lowest mason's estimate was from Evan Jones—the two together amounting to $18,500.

The building proposed is plain, but substantial; and although the estimates exceed in amount the sum named by the Common Council, yet it is earnestly hoped by this Board that the great improvement contained in this plan, over all others suggested, will be deemed a sufficient warrant for the Common Council to direct the building to be forwarded without delay. This Board feels confident that the plans cannot be modified or reduced, as regards expense, without serious injury and detriment to the permanent interest of the city.

By order of the Board of Education.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

The following communication from the Board of Education was presented and referred to the Committee on Schools:

To the Mayor and Council of Jersey City:

GENTS: The following is a copy of a preamble and resolution, this evening adopted by the Board of Education.

Yours, respectfully,

D. GOULD, Clerk.

June 20, 1853.

Whereas, The present condition of Public School No. 1 is considered injurious to the health of both teachers and children. Therefore—

Resolved, That the Common Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $3,000 for such repairs and alterations upon said building as may be deemed necessary, and have been heretofore recommended by this Board to be carried into immediate effect.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows;

Of Alexander Love, $6 21; Alexander Love

$154 13; Doyle & Brady, $11 25; Isaac Morrow, $39 99; S. Billington, $3; and Cronham & Wetterson, $15. Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of C. E. Newham, $90 26; and John Ward, $6 00. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Jeremiah Casey, $15; and Edgar Morris, $10 75. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Thomas Newham, $16 87. Referred to Committee on Fire Water.

Of J. F. Richardson, $20 75. Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of John F. Richardson, $8 00. Referred to Committee on Watch.

The Committee on Finance reported back the ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax for the year 1853, and presented a report recommending the insertion of the amount of appropriations in the ordinance, the report naming said amounts. Report received, and ordinance laid upon table.

The Committee on Streets reported contracts with Daniel Keenan for the following improvements, viz:

Paving, grading, &c., of South Seventh street, from Grove street to Jersey avenue.

Repaving, &c., Grand street between Van Vorst and Warren streets.

Filling in &c., South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street.

Regulating, &c., Montgomery street, from Grove to Barrow street.

Regulating, &c., of Warren street from Grand to Sussex street.

Filling in, &c., of York street between Grove and Barrow street.

Regulating, &c., Bright street from Jersey avenue to Grove street.

All of said contracts being accompanied by bonds for their fulfillment, except the contract for the regulating &c., of Bright street from Jersey Avenue to Grove street.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That the contracts be executed on the part of this corporation by his Honor the Mayor; that the seal of the City be affixed thereto, by the City Clerk, and that the bonds be filed in the Comptroller,s office.

The Committee on Streets reported contracts with Alexander Love, for sweeping the streets of the city.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That when said contracts shall have been executed by Alexander Love, that then they be executed on the part of this Corporation by his Honor the Mayor, and that the Seal of the City be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

(Ald. Narine appeared and took his seat.)

The Committee on Streets presented a report adverse to making a contract for the planking of Grand street, from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove street, recommending the rescinding of the resolution referring the contract to the committee, and the adoption of one requiring the street to be paved. Report received, recommendation adopted, and the usual notice in regard to the paving of the street ordered to be published.

The Committee on Streets reported adversely on the application of Thomas Styles for a license to occupy a space in front of the Railroad Depot for a candy stand. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration on the subject.

(Ald. Gardner appeared and took his seat.)

The Committee on Police and Licenses reported adversely on the petitions of James King and Patrick Malone for licenses to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Report received and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Alms presented a report on the subject of building a store house on the Alms House lot, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be authorized to advertise for proposals to build a store house on the Alms House lot, the expense of which shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Report received, and the resolution laid upon the table.

Ald. Slater moved that the report and resolution be printed. The motion was lost.

The Committee on Ferries and Wharves presented a report in favor of granting, during the pleasure of the Common Council, the prayer of the Hudson River Cement Company for the exclusive use of so much of their bulk head as lies between the northerly side of Bay street, and the southerly side of Harsimus street.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the report be received, the recommendation of the committee adopted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Slater, Low and Lyon.

Yeas—The President; and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Slater.

Absent—Ald. Miller.

The Committee on Sewers presented a report recommending the approval of the plan of Sewerage made by William S. Whitwell, Chief En-

gineer of the Water Works, and that the proposition contained in said report for the alteration of the grade of certain streets be deferred for the present. Report received and laid upon the table for further action.

The Committee on Streets reported as correct the claim of Garret E. Winants for $6056 40, for filling in Steuben street, from Washington to Prospect street, and the claim was then referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, notifying the Common Council of the election of Thomas Layland and Cornelius Duncan, as members of Hercules Engine Company No. 3; of the election of Joseph Strober, B. F. Holden and H. Thielmann as members of Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; of the election of Thomas M. Gopsill, Thomas Howe, Hugh McComb, and William Bamstead, as members of Protection Engine Company No. 5; and of the expulsion of James P. Mackey from Protection Engine Company No. 5. The elections were approved, the names ordered to be enrolled by the City Clerk, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, and the name of James P. Mackey to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department.

The rules requiring a balloting were suspended for the purpose, and the following appointments were made *viva voce*:

On motion of Ald. Narine, Richard Creach, a City Watchman from the First Ward, in the place of Thomas McWilliams, who has moved out of said Ward.

On motion of Ald. Gardner, James McDonald a Sunday Policeman from the First Ward in place of Thomas McWilliams, who has moved out of the said Ward.

On motion of Ald. Brower, William J. Stitt, a Fire Warden from the Third Ward, in the place of John H. Low, resigned.

On motion of Ald. Hill, Charles Fink, Charles M. Holmes and Thomas Wellwood, Commissioners of Assessments, to assess the costs of filling in Steuben street, from Washington to Prospect street.

On motion of Ald. Hill, George A. Moore, a Constable, to fill a vacancy in the Third Ward.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to adjourn. The motion was lost,

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of Notices of Application to have South 5th street, between Erie street and the Hudson River, graded, curbed, etc., and to have the blocks in York street, between Warren and Henderson streets, paved or planked, etc. Reports received and ordered filed.

Ald. Low moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, the Ordinance fixing Salaries was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald. Low moved "That the ordinance be laid upon the table." The motion was lost, the vote being as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Low and Edge:

Yeas—The President; and Ald. Edge, James, Low, Narine, Rappleyea and Slater.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Gardner and Miller.

Ald Low moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald. Lyon moved to consider the ordinance by sections. The motion was lost.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Lyon it was

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Thursday, the 23d instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Ald. Low, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Adjourned Meeting at the City Clerk's office, June 23d, 1853, at four o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Low, Narine, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

The ordinance fixing salaries, being under consideration at the time of adjournment on the 21st. inst., the consideration of said ordinance was continued. The salaries were fixed at the sums reported in the ordinance; an additional section was adopted, providing that the ordinance shall take effect from the commencement of the present fiscal year.

On motion of Ald. Miller the Ordinance was then laid upon the table.

The report of the City Treasurer for May, 1853, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st June inst., amounting to $1248,79, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A petition of George Anderson, asking a reduction of the price of his omnibus license fee, was presented and referred to the committee on police and licenses.

On motion of Ald. James, the tax ordinance was taken up and considered by sections.

The ordinance was amended, and then, on motion of Ald. James, ordered to be laid upon the table and engrossed as amended.

Ald. James offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, The Provident Institution for Savings in Jersey City are the holders of a bond made by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City to Dudley S. Gregory, to secure to him or his assigns, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, and interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum dated the 6th day of September, 1844, and payable in one year after the date thereof, which period has long since elapsed, and whereas, the said bond was duly assigned on the 1st day of November, 1844, by the said Dudley S. Gregory, to the said Institution, as by an endorsement thereon fully appears; and whereas the said Institution are desirous of renewing the same for a term of years. Therefore—

Resolved, That there be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, to the said The Provident Institution for Savings in Jersey City, two bonds of this city, bearing date on the 1st day of July next, and payable in ten years after the date thereof in the principal sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars each, and interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same; that the seal of the city be affixed thereto; and that the treasurer be directed to pay the interest on the first-mentioned bond, up to the said first day of July next: Provided, said first-mentioned bond be given up and canceled.

On motion of Ald. Lyon it was

Resolved, That when the board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday next, the 28th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Adjourned meeting, June 28th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Edge, Narine and White were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. James and Low.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing salaries," was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended by fixing the City Treasurer's salary at four hundred dollars.

(Ald. Narine appeared and took his seat.)

The ordinance as amended, was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Rappleyea and Slater.

Absent—Ald. Edge, James, Low and White.

The resignation of Stephen Quaife, of the offices of assessor, and collector of arrears of taxes, was presented, received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the rules requiring ballotings were suspended, to enable the Board to appoint viva voce an Assessor from the Third or Fourth Wards, and a Collector of Arrears of Taxes, in place of Stephen Quaife; and—

On motion of Ald. Miller, Joseph Quaife was unanimously appointed Collector of Arrears of Taxes, and David Bedford was unanimously appointed Assessor, in the place of Stephen Quaife, resigned.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented a report on the petition of Charles Fink, in relation to his lot erroneously sold for taxes in 1848—the report stating that since the presentation of said petition the certificate of sale of said lot had been procured and duly assigned to Mr. Fink. Report received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A petition from Peter H. Earle, for a reduction of the amount of his omnibus license fee, was presented and referred to the Committee on Police and Licenses.

The official bond of George A. Moore, as a Constable, was presented, approved and ordered filed.

A communication from his Honor the Mayor, notifying the Common Council of the suspension of Joseph Smathurst, one of the City Watchmen, on charges preferred against him by the Captain of the Watch, accompanied by said charges in writing, was presented and referred to a special committee, consisting of Ald. Rappleyea, Lyon and Brower.

A writ of certiorari to remove assessment upon property of Charles J. Smith, for filling in Warren street from Montgomery street to Morgan street, was presented and referred to the City Attorney.

An invitation to the Mayor, Aldermen and Corporate Officers of the City, to attend the exhibition of the Railroad Circus, was presented and accepted.

(Ald. White appeared and took his seat.)

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Charles M. Holmes, $4. Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Of Alexander Wines, $211 74. Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Sunday Policemen, $38. Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Of John Bevan, $70; Daniel Keenan, $882 31; John Bevan, $40: Perrine & Chilver, $69 98; and Daniel Keenan, $1748 19. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant for two hundred dollars be drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of the Committee on Streets—the appropriation of said warrant to be hereafter accounted for by said Committee.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That an election for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be held on Tuesday, the 12th of July, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas W. Morehouse.

The Committee on Fire and Water, to whom was referred, on the 14th inst., the petition of George McLaughlin, to have the pump on the corner of Grove and Wayne streets removed to the opposite side of Wayne street, reported that they deem such removal inexpedient, inasmuch as the Passaic water will soon be introduced into the city. Report received and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

(Ald. Edge appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit all traffic in, or sale of intoxicating drink or drinks," presented and laid upon the table on the 15th February last, was taken up for consideration, and read.

Ald. Miller moved to "strike out the the enacting clause."

The motion of Ald. Miller was adopted by the

following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Garnder, Cleveland and Edge.

Yeas—Ald Edge, Hill, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Lyon and Slater.

Absent—Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Narine presented an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to license inns and taverns." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald Lyon the ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns, and to prohibit traffic in, or sale of, intoxicating drink or drinks," presented and laid upon the table on the 7th inst., was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was considered by sections amended, and as amended passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—The President and Ald. Gardner and Narine.

Absent—Ald James and Low.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be directed to select a proper location for a City Hall, and other city buildings, and report at a subsequent meeting of this Board.

On motion of Ald Slater, it was

Resolved, That the vacancies existing in the committee appointed to prepare a map of a new water line, &c., be filled.

Whereupon the President appointed Ald. Slater in place of Ald. C. Van Vorst, and Ald. Hill in place of Ald. Betts.

On motion of Ald, Gardner, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular Meeting, July 5th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Lyon, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Edge, Gardner, Miller, Narine, Slater and White were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Low.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of William Moore for a tavern license. Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Official bond of Joseph Quaife, as Collector of Arrears of Taxes. Approved and ordered filed.

(Ald. Narine appeared and took his seat.)

Petition of William Colgate & Co., and others, to have Railroad avenue, south of the railroad, between Gilbert and Mill streets, filled up to the established grade, curbed, guttered, and paved, and cross walks laid where necessary. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Third semi-annual report, by the Board of Water Commissioners, on the condition of the works under their charge, accompanied by a statement of their receipts and expenditures on account of the same, and a communication to said board by the chief engineer of the water works. Received and ordered to be printed.

Four writs of certiorari: three to remove into the Supreme Court the proceedings touching the assessments for the "filling in of Bright street, from Grove to Barrow streets," in which Abijah Mann, Charles Fink and John Corrigan are prosecutors; and one to remove into said court the proceedings, touching the assessment and the confirmation of the same, for the paving, regulating, curbing, &c., of Washington street, from the railroad to the north side of Steuben street: also, Wayne street, from Washington street to Greene street: also, Greene street, from the Railroad to the north side of Steuben street. Referred to the City Attorney.

Notice served upon the city clerk on the first instant, directed to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, containing a copy of a rule taken at the June term of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, ordering a stay of proceedings, &c., in the matter of the assessment on property of John D. Ward, for paving, regulating and curbing parts of Washington, Wayne and Greene streets. Referred to City Attorney.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of William Whitley, $29 75, and George Ford, $11 50. Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of lamp lighters, $72; and R. & J. McLaughlin, $69 89. Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Samuel J. Boyce, $6. Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of John F. Richardson, $8; Nathaniel Ellis, $43 75; and Nathaniel Ellis, $58 37.

A requisition by the Board of Education for payment of the claim of D. Gould, as Clerk of said Board, amounting to $19, was presented, and a warrant for the amount ordered to be drawn on the treasurer in favor of D. Gould for said amount.

(Ald. White appeared and took his seat.)

The following claims presented, and referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of Ingham and Hall $41 50; J. H. Smyth $55 57; Hoyt & Coykendall $8 50; George Ford $9; Drayton and Durant $13 75; George Ford $49 19; A. B. & G. Ryersen $25 50; G. Duncan $9; E. Randall $9 50; James Wiley $9 50; Edward Hope $7 50; J. S. Mark $11 50; Henry Stiff $19; Doyle & Brady $11; Isaac Morrow $39 99; Seth Billington $3; James McDonald $20 25; D. C. Gardner $6 75; W. R. & I. B. Drayton $14 75; James Wilson $4 75; Jacob Erwin $30 49; M. Williams $17; I. Morrow $5 25; William Bumstead $34 50; John B. Haight $1 25; I. Morrow $6 50; John Francisco $2 50; Special Police $24; Charles M. Holmes $4; Judges & Clerk of Election in 1st. Ward $25; I. S. Miller $300; John F. Richardson $8; B. W. Ryder $29 50; W. L. Ormsby $15; Jeremiah Casey $88 89; Connelley & Bagley $20 04; Thomas Newham $16 87; Henry Stiff $61 25; Woolsey & Clark $15 40; Protection Co. No. 5 $9; Alexander Wines $211 74; Jeremiah Casey $15; Edgar Morris $10 75; Sunday Police $38; Stephen W. Treadwell $3 63; S. J. Dennis $6; Hutton & Lacy $1 50; Thomas M. Craig $1 38; Dr. A. Lutkins $62 50; E. B. Wakeman $62 50; J. D. Meeker $24 50; John F. Richardson $20 75; Alexander Love $154 13; Alexander Love $6 21; John Ward $6; Charles E. Newham $90 26; William Coleman $8 57, and S. Hetherington $52.

During the auditing of claims and accounts Ald. Edge, Slater, Gardner and Miller appeared and took their seats; and Alderman Whitlock retired.

The Committee on Streets reported as correct the claim of Daniel Keenan for $341 04, referred

to them on the third day of May last. The claim was referred back to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on Streets reported as incorrect the claim of Jeremiah Casey, amounting to $15, referred to the committee on the fourteenth ultimo, amongst the unfinished business of the late Board. Report accepted.

The Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections, reported the claim of Josiah Topping, amounting to $6, referred to them on the fourteenth ultimo, as incorrect, the claim being contained in a former account. Report accepted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 7th ultimo the claim of John Bevan, amounting to $200, for surveys, &c., for the filling of Steuben street from Washington to Prospect streets, reported the same correct, and the claim was then referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Committee on Schools, to whom were referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, a preamble and resolutions received from the Board of Education relative to building a School House in the Third Ward, presented a report recommending the adoption of the said preamble and resolutions. Report received and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Schools, to whom was referred, on the 21st ultimo, a resolution received from the Board of Education, asking an appropriation of three thousand dollars for the alteration and repairing of Public School-house No. 1, presented a report recommending the appropriation of two thousand dollars for that purpose, and the adoption of the resolution with such alteration. The report was accepted, and the resolution, as amended, adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low and Whitlock.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office, on the 5th instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the minutes:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 5, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return herewith "An Ordinance fixing Salaries" without my approval.

The 4th section of the ordinance fixes the compensation of the Collector of Taxes and the Collector of Arrears of Taxes at a certain per centage on the amounts respectively collected by said officers, viz: 1 1-2 per cent. on the first $5 000; 2 per cent. on the second $5 000; and 2 1-2 per cent. on the excess collected by them.

The Collector of Arrears of Taxes, under the most favorable circumstances, could not collect the first amount of $5 000. If, however, he should be so fortunate as to make that amount, his per cent. would only amount to $75, while, on the other hand, the Collector of Taxes would receive 2 1-2 per cent. on the whole excess of taxes proposed to be raised this year for city and county purposes, which is an increase of about 50 per cent. over the amount of any former year, and which would make his compensation some $1200 or $1300.

Under the old charter, the duties of the Assessor and Collector of Taxes were considered about equivalent. The ordinance fixing their compensation gave the Assessor $150 per annum, and the Collector a per centage on the amount collected by him, with a proviso, that his pay should not be less than $150, which ordinance continued in force until 1851. The ordinance before me proposes to pay each Assessor $250, which is an increase of $100 over the salary fixed under the old charter, and to increase the Collector's salary to the grave amount above stated. Such an increase of compensation, and such an invidious distinction of salaries of the city officers, is calculated to create dissatisfaction, and is, in my judgment, improvident and injudicious legislation.

I therefore return the ordinance for your further consideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance fixing salaries' do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor." The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Hill and Slater.

Absent—Ald. Low and Whitlock.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Streets to inquire into the propriety and expediency of compromising and settling in an amicable way the suit now pending between John Arbuckle and the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, arising in the matter of paving, etc., of Railroad avenue, and that said committee report thereon, with such recommendation as, in their opinion, the facts of the case warrant.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, notifying the Common Council of the election of William T. Ashford, Hiram Meeker, and Joseph Conck, as members of Hudson Hose Co. No. 1; and of the election of Henry P. Royal, Geo. Romaine, William Scully, and Michael Mullins, as members of Engine Co. No. 1.

On motion of Ald. Brower it was

Resolved, That the said elections be approved, that the names be enrolled, and that the usual

certificates of membership be issued by the City Clerk.

(Ald. Edge, Gardner and Rappleyea retired.)

On motion of Ald. James the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the Assessment and Collection of an Annual Tax, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty three," was taken from the table and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Tyrrell and White.

Nay—Ald. Slater.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering and paving Montgomery street, between Henderson and Grove streets, was taken from the table, and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for flagging the sidewalk on south side of South Third street, between Grove and Erie streets." was taken from the table and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

The following entitled ordinances were taken from the table on motion of Ald. Hill, and after some discussion were again laid upon the table:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering and laying a flag sidewalk four feet wide, on south side of Railroad avenue, between Grove street and Merseles street."

"An Ordinance to provide for the regulating, filling, curbing, guttering and laying bridge stone cross walks at the intersections of Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets," and "An Ordinance to provide for the filling in to the established grade Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Pavonia avenue, and for curbing, guttering, laying cross walks, and flagging sidewalks on Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Harsimus street"

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the filling in of the north side of Railroad avenue from Newark avenue to the north east corner of Prospect street, was taken from the table and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea, and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering and flagging the sidewalks, on both sides, four feet wide, South 6th street, between Jersey avenue and Newark avenue," was taken from the table, and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. James the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, on Wednesday, July 13th, 1853, at 9 o'clock A. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of receiving and making suitable acknowledgments to an invitation from the authorities of the city of New York, extended to those of Jersey City, to participate in welcoming the President of the United States to the city of New York on the 14th instant.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, James, Low, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Hill and Lyon.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Miller was appointed President pro tem.

The call of the meeting was read, and a communication from the authorities of the city of New York, inviting the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City to participate in welcoming the President of the United States to the city of New York on the fourteenth instant, at nine o'clock A. M., was presented and read.

On motion of Ald. Narine the invitation was accepted.

On motion of Ald. Narine it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to carry out the object of the invitation.

Ald. Narine, Tyrrell, Low, Brower and Slater were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald. James, the President pro tem was added to the committee.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular meeting, July 19th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Gardner and Low.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Official bond of William Whitley, as Poor Master of Jersey City. Approved and ordered filed.

Communication of John Hedden and Bernard Hughes, asking for the remission of a fine imposed upon them by the Recorder for driving carts without being licensed. Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Petition of Thomas D. Jordan and L. H. Bailey, to have Bright street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, filled up to the established grade, curbed, guttered, and side-walks flagged four feet wide. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Communication of Breese and Kneeland, asking the Common Council to examine Steuben street, on the corner of Warren, before taking any further action on the assessment for filling in Steuben street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Communication of Daniel Crane, in relation to the Morris Canal Co., &c.

Ald. Edge moved to lay the communication on the table. The motion was lost.

Ald. James moved "That Mr. Crane have leave to withdraw his communication." The motion was adopted.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. B. Haight, $1 08; S. Quaife, $30; R. B. Earle & Co., $6 50; A. Love, $1; G. Morrow, $3 38; G. Morrow, $3 38. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of G. Morrow, $1 25; G. Morrow, $2 50; P. Lee, $1 50; Special Police on the fourth July, $11. Referred to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Of G. Morrow, $3 13; G. Morrow, $1 50. Referred to Committee on Watch.

Of G. Morrow, $1 06; G. Morrow, 38 cents. Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of D. Keenan, $1523 62; J. Flemming, $28; D. Keenan, $1164 67; D. Keenan, $91 37; D. Keenan, $408 54; D. Keenan, $224 57. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Ingham and Hall, $2. Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of G. W. Cassedy, $17 60; R. B. Kashow, $156 85; Daily Telegraph, $324 52; J. A. Ryerson, $5. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. Platt, $10; C. H. Winfield, $4 65. Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of Daily Telegraph, $175. Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections.

Of Special Police on the 14th July instant, $35 50. Referred to Special Committee appointed to receive the President of the United States.

Of G. Morrow, $128 46; G. Morrow, $98 06. Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Committee on Streets, in favor of granting the prayer of John Neilson and other petitioners to have the blocks in York street, between Warren and Henderson streets, paved or planked, &c., accompanied by an ordinance for the said work, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading, paving, and regulating York street between Warren and Henderson streets." Report received, and ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Streets, in favor of granting the prayer of J. Van Vorst and other petitioners, to have South Fifth street, between Erie street and the Hudson river, graded, &c., accompanied by an ordinance for the said work, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag sidewalks four feet wide, and bridge stone crosswalks at all the intersections of South Fifth street, between Erie street and Prospect street (except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street.") Report received, and ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Streets, in favor of granting the prayer of Amos D. Wyckoff and Lyman R. Bailey, to have Jersey street, from Bright street to Grand street, filled up to the established grade, accompanied by an ordinance for the said work, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in Jersey street, between Bright and Grand streets, to the established grade." Report received, and ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Laws and Ordinances, on petition of J. Clowes, complaining of the practice of public bathing, &c., accompanied by an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance relative to bathing and indecent exposures." Report received, and ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Laws and Ordinances, an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the opening of Jersey avenue, from Mercer street to Newark avenue." Ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Laws and Ordinances, an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the *day police* of Jersey City." Ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Public Health, on petition of P. Martin and others, to have sunken lots between Newark avenue and Morgan street, and along Prospect street, between Morgan and Bay streets, filled up; the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Report received, and with the petition, referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, with instructions to draft an ordinance for the improvement asked for.

By Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections, on the communication of the City Treasurer, in relation to the duties of his office, and the salary attached to it; the committee asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, for the reason that the salary has been fixed for the current year by an ordinance. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

By Committee on Streets, on petition of John F. Bennett and others, to have a portion of Coles street graded, &c., in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, accompanied by an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, curb and guttering, cross-walks, side-walks, on each side, four feet wide, laid in Coles street, between South Second street and South Fourth street." Report received, and ordinance laid upon the table.

By Committee on Streets, a statement of the expenditures by the committee, under the appropriation of two hundred dollars made in favor of the said committee on the 28th June last. Report and statement received and ordered filed.

By Committee on Finance, "Declarations of Sale," for property sold on the first instant at the adjourned sale for assessments. Declarations of sale approved, ordered to be executed on the part of the city by his Honor the Mayor, and the Corporation Seal to be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

The following message, from his Honor the Mayor, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the minutes of the Common Council, and published therewith:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 9, 1853.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return without my approval, an ordinance passed by your honorable body on the 28th ult., entitled "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns, and to prohibit traffic in, or sale of, intoxicating drink or drinks."

A careful examination of the ordinance has convinced me that it must fail to meet the purposes for which it was enacted, and for which a law, just and stringent in its provisions, and which can be carried into operation, is imperiously demanded.

The third section provides, that before a license shall be granted to any person to keep an inn or tavern, a recognizance shall be entered into in the sum of $100, with two sufficient sureties, conditioned among other things, that the party licensed shall not only close his, or her bar-room (not bar) on the Sabbath, which sometimes is the only convenient entrance to the house, but shall not give away, nor permit any other person to give away, ardent spirits, wine, beer, &c., on his, or her premises, and a violation of any of these provisions, subjects the party licensed to pay the penalty of $100, as well as forfeit the license.

It is obviously impossible to carry a part of the provisions of this section into operation without manifest injustice.

A clerk, servant, boarder, or traveler may, without the knowledge of the proprietor, violate this section if they choose, either by opening the bar-room, (with the bar closed,) or by giving away elsewhere on the premises some forbidden article, which would at once revoke the license.

This is placing parties licensed entirely at the mercy of third persons, and was evidently not the intention of the law; and no person, with a proper understanding of the nature of the recognizance, would assume the responsibility, and you thus virtually refuse to grant licenses to any parties.

Sections 10 and 11 provide for the granting permission to others, than proprietors of inns and taverns, to sell spirituous liquors; but this, in my judgment, is in direct violation of the charter, which confers upon you the power to license and regulate inns and taverns, "*and to prohibit all traffic in, or sale of intoxicating drink or drinks.*"

This stringent provision of the charter was obviously intended to confine the sale of *all* spirituous liquors to inns and taverns, and a permission to sell, granted to any other party, is clearly illegal.

The clause of the charter, under which licenses are to be granted to proprietors of inns and taverns, is manifestly prohibitory as to any other parties, and I cannot, therefore, sanction a proceeding which conflicts so directly with that instrument.

For the reasons above, briefly set forth, I return the ordinance for your further consideration.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Cleveland moved, "That the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, and to prohibit traffic in, or sale of, intoxicating drink or drinks,' pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected; the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Edge, James, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Gardner and Low.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, notifying the Common Council of the suspension of Patrick Corrigan, one of the city watchmen, on a charge made against him, by the Captain of the Watch, of sleeping on his post. Referred to the Committee on Watch.

The City Clerk presented a copy of a rule of court, served upon him on the 6th instant, granting a stay of proceedings in the matter of the assessment on property of John D. Ward, for paving, regulating, and curbing parts of Washington, Wayne, and Green streets. Referred to the City Attorney.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled notices, viz: "Application to have Railroad avenue, from Newark avenue to Prospect street, filled in to the established grade, and the walks along the proposed line of improvement curbed, guttered and flagged." "Improvement of Grand street, from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove Street." "Application to have Coles street, between South Second and South Fourth streets, graded, curbed, guttered, and cross walks and side-walks laid four feet wide on each side of the street." "Application to have the sunken lots in the blocks lying between Newark avenue and Morgan street, and between Morgan and Bay streets, along Prospect street, filled up." Reports received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, notifying the Common Council of the election of George Fewkes and Stephen Jaquins as members of Hudson Hose Co. No. 1, James W. Willis and Simon Warshauier as members of Protection Engine Co. No. 5, Edward Gordon, Joseph Headen, Joseph Mallon and Lewis Drewalt, as members of Arresseoh Engine Co. No. 2, Orestes Cleveland and W. H. Frazee, as members of Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, and of the expulsion of Theodore F. Morris from Hudson Hose Co. No. 1.

On motion of Ald. Brower the elections were approved of, the names ordered to be enrolled by the City Clerk, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, and the name of the expelled member to be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

A return by the Board of Canvassers of the fire department, of the result of the recent election for Chief Engineer, showing a majority of the votes cast to have been for Thomas W. Morehouse, was presented.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the election of Thomas W. Morehouse as Chief Engineer of the fire department be approved."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Lyon and Narine.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Gardner and Low.

Ald. James presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the *Committee on Police* be requested to report, at the next meeting, whether it is not expedient to procure a more suitable building than the one at present in use in Sussex street, for a *city prison*, and if so, whether one can be procured, and on what terms.

Ald. Hill presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for six hundred dollars, in favor of the Committee on Streets, to be hereafter accounted for by said committee.

Ald. Brower presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That seventy-five dollars be appropriated to repair Engine House No 1, and that such repairs be done under the direction of Fire and Water committee.

Ald. Lyon presented an ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns." The ordinance was laid upon the table; and forty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Board, under the direction of the City Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to license inns and taverns," laid upon the table on the 28th ultimo, was taken up for consideration, and forty copies of the ordinance were ordered to be printed, for the use of the Board, under the direction of the City Clerk, and the ordinance was then laid upon the table again.

On motion of Ald. Miller the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Comptroller.

Ald. James and Brower were appointed tellers.

A balloting was had, with the following result:

David Henderson received ten votes.

C. C. Marsh received one vote.

A. H. Wallis received one vote.

David Smith received one vote.

Whereupon David Henderson was declared to be appointed Comptroller.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the Board proceeded to the appointment of City Treasurer.

Ald. James and Brower were appointed tellers.

The result of the ballotings was as follows:

First Balloting.

Isaac S. Miller received three votes.

Earle B. Sippell received four votes.
Albert T. Smith received six votes.
One blank was cast.

Second Balloting.

Albert T. Smith received six votes.
Isaac S. Miller received one vote.
Earle B. Sippell received six votes.
One blank was cast.

Third Balloting.

Earle B. Sippell received six votes.
Albert T. Smith received eight votes.

Fourth Balloting.

Albert T. Smith received nine votes.
Earle B. Sippell received five votes.

Whereupon Albert T. Smith was declared appointed City Treasurer.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Brower the following resolution was taken from the table, and on motion of Ald. Rappleyea the same was adopted:

Resolved, That a new carriage be procured, by the Committee on Fire and Water, for Hose Co. No. 2.

On motion of Ald. Slater the following resolution was taken from the table and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be authorized to advertise for proposals to build a store house on the alms house lot, the expense of which shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Ald. James moved to adjourn.

The motion was rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Rappleyea, and Tyrrell.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Gardner and Low.

The following claims presented and referred to their appropriate committees in the early part of the meeting, were reported correct; the rules were suspended for the purpose, and the same were ordered paid.

Of Jefferson Band, $53; O. R. Dexter, $33 50, and W. Sanderson, $11 68.

Ald. Lyon moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

(Ald. James obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Miller the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office on Thursday, July 28th, 1853, at 8 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of receiving and acting on requisitions from the Board of Education.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

The roll was called, and the following Aldermen answered to their names, viz:

Ald. Brower, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Narine and Whitlock.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea the board adjourned to meet at the City Clerk's office on Friday, the 29th inst., at 8 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned special meeting at the City Clerk's office, on Friday, July 29th, 1853, at 8 1-2 o'clock, P. M., held pursuant to resolution passed at the special meeting on the 28th instant.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Hill, Lyon Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Low and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Miller Ald. Slater was appointed President pro tem.

Requisitions from the Board of Education for the payment of the following claims, were presented by Ald. Lyon, and warrants were ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer for the amounts respectively named:

For salaries of teachers of public schools, to become due August 1st, 1853, $1675 50; A. Anderson, $75; S. R Tyrrell, $25; Daily Telegraph, $8 50; J. B. Dunn, $7 43; Clark, Austin & Smith, $19 38; Clark, Austin & Smith, $22 44; Clark, Austin & Smith, $51 91; Clark, Austin & Smith, $16 25; Clark, Austin & Smith, $12 29; Clark, Austin & Smith, $26 70; Clark, Austin & Smith, $39 76; Clark, Austin & Smith, $11 91, and Clark, Austin & Smith, $33 26.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular meeting, August 2d, 1853.

Present—The President, Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Narine and Whitlock.

The City Clerk being absent, on motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Miller was elected clerk *pro tempore*, whereupon the minutes of the three preceding meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, etc., were then received and ordered as follows:

The petition of B. R. Wakemen and others, calling the attention of the Common Council to the dilapidated and unsafe condition of the pier at the foot of York street, was referred to the Committee on Ferries and Wharves.

The report of John Sylvester, Superintendent of Wharves and Piers, upon the same subject, was likewise referred to the same committee.

The petition of Peter Waggner, for a license to peddle, was referred to the Committee on Police and Licenses.

A petition of S. Appleton and others, to have Grand street, from Jersey avenue to the creek, filled in to the established grade, was received, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition of John Campbell, for a license to peddle fish, fruit, etc., was received, and ordered to be laid on the table by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called by Ald. Low, Slater and Rappleyea.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—The President, Ald. James, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea and Slater.

Those who voted in the negative—Ald. Brower, Hill, Low and Tyrrell.

A similar petition was received from Joseph Auklum, which was likewise ordered to be laid on the table.

A petition was received from A. G. Mason and others, praying to have Morgan street regulated, the side-walks curbed, guttered and flagged, four feet wide, and bridge stones laid at its intersections, was received, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition of Andrew Clerk and others, owners of lots on York street, between Jersey avenue and Grove Street, praying for the construction of a sewer, to commence in York street, 225 feet west of Barrow street, and to extend easterly to Grove street, was received, and referred to the Committee on Sewers.

A communication from S. A. French and others, enquiring if Fire Engine No. 1 be for sale, was received, and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

A petition of Patrick Devine and others, owners of property, etc., on Newark avenue, between Monmouth and Paterson streets, complaining of a nuisance arising from the boiling of fat, keeping of hogs, etc., and praying the aid of the Common Council, was received, and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A petition of E. D. Reily and many others, firemen, praying that the salary of the Chief Engineer of the fire department should be raised to $250, was received, and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

The President presented a communication from the Hon. James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury, requesting information as to the amount of bonds or other negotiable evidences of debt issued by this city, the rate of interest they bear, and the amount held by foreigners residing beyond the bounds of the United States on 30th June, 1853, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to furnish the information asked.

A petition of Charles J. Smith and others, praying to have the north side of Railroad avenue, from Prospect Street to Warren street, filled in to the established grade, was received and referred to Committee on Streets.

A petition of William H. Basset, praying to be appointed watchman for the 2d. Ward, was received and ordered to be laid on the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and ordered as follows, viz:

A claim of services of the city watchmen for the month of May, 1853, amounting to $676 62, was received and referred to the Committee on Watch.

Also a claim for services of the city watchmen for the month of June, 1853, amounting to $655 79, and referred to the same committee.

A claim of supernumerary watchmen for July and August, amounting to $45 16, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim for services of Sunday police, amounting to $47 50, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Nathaniel Ellis, for boarding prisoners for the month of July, amounting to $46 32, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of J. R. Benedict, for watchmen's clubs, amounting to $12, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Ann Tiernan, for cleaning Recorders and Clerk's rooms, amounting to $1 50, was received and referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

A claim of I. Clark, for two signs for Treasurer's office, amounting to $2 50, was received and referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

A claim of Fidelity Division Sons of Temperance, for one quarter's rent of Common Council chamber, amounting to $37 50, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of special police, Wm. A. Pollard and Benj. F. Champney, amounting to $78, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Jasper Wandle, for rent of Clerk's office, amounting to $62 50, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of H. Gilbert, for rent of public pound, amounting to $15, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Special Police, Wm. A. Pollard and Benj. F. Champney, amounting to $57, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Alex. McMullin, for ringing bell at the reception of the dead body of Hon. H. Clay, and also at the reception of President Pierce, amounting to $2, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of John Jelly, for ringing bell on alarms of fire, and at reception of President Pierce, amounting to $3, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of A. O. Zabriskie, for one year's rent of lot No. 42 Morris street, for Engine House, amounting to $80, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of James Whitley, for removing paupers, and hearse hire, amounting to $8 50, was received and referred to the Committee on Alms.

A claim of Drayton and Durant, for bread for alms-house, amounting to $19 63, received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of the overseer of the poor, for one quarter's salary, amounting to $100, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Henry Stiff, for carriages on the occasion of the late reception of the President of the United States, amounting to $30, was received and referred to the special committee on that subject, heretofore appointed.

A claim of George Ford, for provisions furnished, agreeable to orders, for the benefit of the poor, amounting to $9, was received and referred to the Committee on Alms.

A claim of George Ford, for groceries, &c., furnished for the benefit of the poor, amounting to $25 49, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Browning, Stephens and Marsh, for furniture for alms-house, amounting to $17 17, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of J. Wilson, for provisions furnished to orders for benefit of the poor, amounting to $7 50, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of J. F. Richardson, for superintending watch-house, was received and referred to the Committee on Watch.

A claim of William A. Durrie, city physician for the 1st and 2d Wards, from May 1852 to May 1853, amounting to $125, was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

A claim of E. B. Wakeman, City Attorney, for one quarter's salary, amounting to $62 50, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of George E. Cutter, Recorder, for one quarter's salary, amounting to $112 50, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of S. Quaife, for collecting arrears of taxes, amounting to $57 64, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of L. Smith, for repairs of Hose Carriage, amounting to $5 50, was received and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

A claim of Thomas & Maxwell, for oil, etc., amounting to 75 cents, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of S. A. Stone, for carting hose, etc., amounting to $6, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of S. H. Many, for hardware for use of fire department, amounting to $8 63, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Geo. Morrow, for camphene for the use of city prison, amounting to $2 88, was received and referred to the Committee on Police and Licenses.

A claim of Daniel Keenan, for paving, etc., on Newark avenue, near Bull's Head, amounting to $147 32, was received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A claim of J. McDonald, for lighting lamps for the month of July, amounting to $20, was received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

A claim of J. F. Richardson, for lighting lamps for the month of July, amounting to $20, was received and referred to the same committee.

A claim of Charles Delany, for repairing sewer under the Morris Canal, amounting to $5 38, was received and referred to the Committee on Sewers.

A claim of E. B. Wakeman, City Attorney, for services in taking testimony in cases of certiorari of taxes, etc., amounting to $100, was received and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

A claim of A. O. Zabriskie, for arguing certio-

rari in the case of Messrs Coles, and trial fee in the case of Messrs Pratt, amounting to $100, was received and referred to the same committee.

The rule requiring the "business required by the proceedings of the last meeting," to be called, was, on motion of Ald. Lyon, by unanimous consent, suspended.

The standing committees being called, the Committee on Finance reported the claim of J. A. Ryerson, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $5; the claim of G. W. Cassedy, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $17; the claim of R. B. Kashow, presented and referred July 19th, 1853 for $156 85, severally as being correct, and the claim of Daily Telegraph, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $324 52, correct for $324 25. Whereupon the amounts, for which the same were reported correct, were ordered paid.

The Committee on Laws presented a report of E. B. Wakeman, City Attorney, which was read, received, and ordered to be filed. Also the official bond of A. T. Smith, Esq., City Treasurer, and the official bond of David Henderson, Esq., City Comptroller, which, being severally read, were approved by the Common Council, and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Fire and Water reported the claim of James B. Dunn, presented and referred June 14th, 1853, for $9 65; the claim of F. Harter, presented and referred June 14th, 1853, for $4; the claim of Geo. Morrow, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $1 06; the claim of Geo. Morrow, presented July 19th, 1853, for $0 38, severally as being correct, which were severally ordered paid.

The Committee on Streets reported on the communication of Jas. Broadmeadow, referred to said committee on the 14th June, 1853, recommending the passage of the ordinance laying on the table, for the improvement of Prospect street; and thereupon the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the filling in, to the established grade, Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Pavonia avenue; and for curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks and flagging side-walks on Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Harsimus street," was taken up for consideration, and afterwards again, on motion, laid upon the table.

The Committee on Streets further reported the claim of Daniel Keenan, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $404 34; the claim of Daniel Keenan, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $224 57; the claim of John Bevan, presented and referred June 28th, 1853, for $40; the claim of Daniel Keenan, presented and referred July 19th, 1853, for $91 37; the claim of James Flemming, referred July 19th, 1853, for $28, severally as being correct for these amounts, and the same were thereupon ordered to be paid.

The same committee further reported the claim of Daniel Keenan, referred June 28th, 1853, for $1057 31; the claim of Daniel Keenan, referred July 19th, 1853, for $1164 57; the claim of Daniel Keenan, referred July 19th, 1853, for $1523 62, and the claim of John Bevan, referred June 28th, 1853, for $70, as correct: and thereupon improvement certificates were ordered to be issued to them respectively, for said several amounts, having reference to the respective improvements on which the claims arose.

The same committee further reported the claim of Daniel Keenan, referred June 28th, 1853, for $1748 19, as "not correct," and were thereupon discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Committee on Alms reported the claim of Ingham & Hall, referred July 19th, 1853, for $2; the claim of Wm. Whitley, referred July 5th, 1853, for $29 75; the claim of George Ford, referred July 5th, 1853, for $11 50; the claim of Jersey City Cemetery, referred June 7th, 1853, for $37, severally as being correct, and the same were ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings reported the claim of Alex. McMullen, referred August 2d, 1853, for $2; the claim of W. A. Pollard and Benj. F. Champney, referred August 2d, 1853, for $57; the claim of H. Gilbert, referred August 2d, 1853, for $15; the claim of Jasper Wandle, referred August 2d, 1853, for $62 50; the claim of Fidelity Division, Sons of Temperance, referred August 2d, 1853, for $37 50; the claim of George Morrow, referred August 2d, 1853, for $3 38; the claim of R. B. Earle, referred July 19th, 1853, for $6 50; the claim of George Morrow, referred July 19th, 1853, for $3 38; the claim of Alex. Love, referred July 19th, 1853, for $1; the claim of Stephen Quaife, referred July 19th, 1853, for $30; the claim of John B. Haight, referred July 19th, 1853, for $1 08, severally as correct, which were thereupon ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Watch reported the claim of city watchmen, referred August 2d, 1853, for $676 62; the claim of city watchmen, referred August 2d, 1853, for $655 79; the claim of city watchmen for services in July, 1853, $651 70; the claim of J. R. Benedict, for watchmen's clubs, referred August 2d, 1853, $12; the claim of Sunday Police, referred August 2d, 1853, $47 50; the claim of supernumerary watchmen, referred August 2d, 1853, $45 16; the claim of Nathaniel Ellis, referred August 2d, 1853, $46

32; the claim of George Morrow, referred July 19th, 1853, $1 50; the claim of George Morrow, referred July 19th, 1853, $3 13, as severally correct, whereupon the same were ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections, reported the claim of George W. Cassedy, City Clerk, referred August 2d, 1853, for $187 50; the claim of Daily Telegraph, referred July 19th, 1853, for $175, as severally correct, and the same were ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Streets further reported on the communication of Joseph Dixon & Co., referred to them on the 14th June, 1853, that the fence complained of, had been removed, and prayed to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was accepted, and the committee discharged of the subject.

The same committee also reported on the petion of James Broadmeadow, referred to them on the 14th June, that it was a proper subject to be referred to the Committee on Public Health. The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the petition referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The same committee also reported on the petition of Lorin Brooks and others, referred to them June 21st, 1853, an ordinance for the purpose of carrying the object of the petition into effect, entitled "An ordinance for filling in and flagging the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and Newark avenue," which was accepted, and ordered to be laid on the table.

The same committee also reported upon the communication of Messrs Breese & Kneeland, referred to them on the 19th July, 1853, with the certificate of John Bevan, Esq., City Surveyor, upon the subject complained of. The report was accepted, and the committee discharged of the subject; whereupon it was ordered that the certificate or report of the City Surveyor, accompanying said report, be referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The same committee also reported on the petition of William Murta and others, referred to them on the 7th June, 1853, by an ordinance to provide for the improvement prayed for, entitled "An ordinance for flagging the south side Railroad avenue, from Grove street to Gilbert street," which ordinance was accepted, and ordered to be laid upon the table.

The Committee on Sewers reported on the communication of John Hedden and Bernard Hughes, referred to them on the 14th June, 1853, setting forth that the petitioners wish to withdraw their communication, and recommending that leave be granted them to do so. The report was accepted, and it was thereupon ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their communication.

The same committee reported on the petition of Evan Jones, referred to them on the 14th June, 1853, stating that a temporary sewer had been constructed agreeable to prayer of petition. Report accepted and committee discharged.

The same committee reported on the petition of Isaac Morrow, referred to them on 14th June, setting forth that the drain had been repaired as desired. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The same committee reported on the report of the Committee on Streets, referred to them on 14th June, 1853, that there is no sewer in the part of the street in which the receiving basin is asked for, and that they deem it not for the interest of the city to have the basin constructed. Report accepted and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Watch reported on the communication of his Honor the Mayor, referred to them July 19th, 1853, stating that they find the charge therein contained against Patrick Corrigan, a city watchman, sustained; they also reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That Patrick Corrigan, one of the city watchmen, be removed from the watch department.

The report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Hereupon the rules were suspended by unanimous consent, on motion of Ald. Lyon, for the purpose of electing a watchman to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Patrick Corrigan; and thereupon William H. Bassett was unanimously elected a city watchman, in place of Patrick Corrigan, removed.

The following message was received from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, August 2d, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:—I have withheld my signature from a warrant, ordered by your Honorable Body, under a resolution of the 5th ult., for Three Hundred Dollars, in favor of the City Treasurer, for one year's salary, ending May 1st, 1853, for the purpose of having the amount corrected, to conform with the general salary ordinance, which fixes the compensation of that officer at Two Hundred Dollars.

A claim was presented to the Common Council on the 26th of April last, by the City Treasurer, for Five Hundred Dollars, "for one year's salary from May 1st, 1852, to May 1st, 1853," which was referred to the Committee on Salaries, etc., who, it appears, immediately reported adversely on the claim, and on the same evening it was ordered on the table; on the 14th of June following, the claim was taken up, among other matters of "unfinished business," and again re-

ferred to the Committee on Salaries, etc., which committee certified on the same paper the amount to be correct for three hundred dollars, and was ordered paid, as above stated. For a full and better understanding of the matter, I have thus briefly adverted to the facts connected therewith.

From the very summary report made by the said committee on the same paper, I am left entirely at a loss to know how they arrived at their conclusions.

The Charter confers on the Common Council power to fix, by general ordinance, the pay or compensation of all officers, both appointed and elected, (except the Aldermen,) and explicitly declares that the compensation of any officer once fixed, shall not be increased during the continuance of his term of office. The ordinance prescribing the duties of the City Treasurer, also, provides that he shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be fixed by the ordinance providing for the payment of Salaries. It must therefore be apparent to every mind, that the warrant in question could not be executed and paid, without a fraud upon the Treasury, and a positive violation of the Charter, and ordinances above named.

While I am free to admit that Two hundred dollars was a very small compensation for the duties performed by the Treasurer, unproportioned to the amounts paid other city officers, I never can consent to be made a party to the act under consideration, so dangerous in its consequences, and so palpably at variance with the very laws we in common have sworn to support.

I submit this brief communication with the confident assurance that every member of the Council will concur with me in the propriety of having the warrant made to conform with the ordinance establishing the salary of that office.

D. S. MANNERS.

which, being read, Ald. Lyon moved that the resolution pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor, which was lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called by Ald. Rappleyea, Brower and Low:

Ayes—Ald. James and Lyon.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, Low, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Ald. James offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby requested to prepare and publish in the corporation paper for sixty days, pursuant to the provisions of the city charter, a list of property sold by the corporation of Jersey City on the 6th October, 1851, for arrears of taxes and for assessments, and which has not been redeemed.

Ald. Low moved to amend, by striking out the words "corporation paper," and inserting "paper that would publish for the lowest sum." This amendment was lost: whereupon the original resolution was adopted.

Ald. Low offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ferries and Wharves be directed to cause the piers at the foot of York and Wayne streets to be repaired, if in their judgment the same can be done without expense to the city.

Which resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Convenience and economy demand that the public offices of this city should be located in one building. Therefore—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to select a site for such building, and report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Which was adopted, and thereupon the President appointed Ald. Brower, Lyon, James, Hill and Tyrrell.

Ald. Hill, from the Committee on Streets, presented sealed proposals for the regulating, etc., of Erie street, and also sealed proposals for regulating, etc., of South 8th street; and thereupon moved that the same be opened and read, which was carried.

The several proposals having been read, Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposals for regulating and paving Erie street, from Pavonia avenue to Michigan street; also for regulating and paving South 8th street, from Grove street to Newark avenue, which have been received by the Committee on Streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the Common Council, be referred to said committee, with authority to contract with the bidder for said work, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

Which resolution was adopted.

Ald. White moved that the report of the Committee on Sewers, recommending the approval of the plan of sewerage made by the water commissioners, etc., be taken from the table.

Which was carried, and said report accordingly taken up and considered. Common Council took short recess. Mr. Whitwell explained. Common Council recalled to order, when

Ald. Lyon moved to lay said report on the table for the present, and that the Common Council do hold an adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office on Thursday next, at eight o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of further considering the matter, and that when the Board adjourn, it do adjourn to meet at that place at that time.

Ald. Hill called up the ordinance upon the table, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing and guttering, and having cross-walks and side-walks, four feet wide, laid in Coles street, between South Second and South Fourth street," which, being read, considered and amended, was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White.

Nays—none.

Ald. Hill called up the ordinance upon the table, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in Jersey street, between Bright and Grand streets, to the established grade," which, being read and considered, was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—none.

Ald. Hill called up the ordinance upon the table, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag side-walks four feet wide, and bridge stone cross-walks at all the intersections of South Fifth street, between Erie and Prospect streets, except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street," which, being read and considered, was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—none.

Ald. Hill called up the ordinance upon the table, entitled "An ordinance providing for the opening of Jersey avenue, from Mercer street to Newark avenue," which, being read, considered and amended, was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—none.

Ald. Hill called up the ordinance on the table, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading, paving and regulating York street, between Warren street and Henderson street;" and the same being read and considered, was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—none.

Ald. Rappleyea called up the ordinance on the table, entitled "An ordinance to license inns and taverns," which, being read and considered, the same was lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—Ald. Low, Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Ald. Rappleyea called up the ordinance on the table, entitled "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns," which, being read, considered and amended, was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called:

Ayes—Ald. Brower, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—The President and Ald. Rappleyea.

And thereupon, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board adjourned.

J. D. MILLER, Clerk, *pro tem.*

Common Council.

Adjourned Meeting, August 4, 1853.

Common Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at the City Clerk's office.

Present—The President, Ald. Brower Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Whitlock

The City Clerk being absent, Ald. Miller was elected clerk *pro tempore*.

Ald. White, from the committee on sewers, called up the special order of business for this meeting to wit.: the report of the Board of Water Commissioners, which being taken up and considered Ald. Miller offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee to prepare an ordinance, to be laid on the table at the next stated meeting of the CommonCouncil, approving of and adopting the plan of sewerage reported by the Board of Water Commissioners ; and that they be instructed to ascertain, if any, and if so, what additional legislative aid, or supplementary law is requisite for the purpose of carrying out and executing the said plan of sewerage ; and in general to report upon the expediency and practicability of said plan of sewerage, and what, if any, alterations or amendments should be proposed thereto; and for these purposes that they be authorized to consult legal counsel and civil engineers.

Hereupon the Board, on motion of Ald. Miller, took a recess, for the purpose of hearing the views of Mr. Whitwell, the civil engineer, who proposed the plan, and of others present.

The board being again called to order, the resolution was unanimously adopted and thereupon the following Aldermen were appointed the special committee, under said resolution, viz :—Ald. Miller, Slater, White, Hill, Rappleyea.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on laws and ordinances be instructed to retain Hon. Jas. S. Nevius as counsel for the Board in the suits now pending, and to which the city is a party, and for the trial of the suit expected to come on at the next Hudson Circuit, involving the right of the city to the public square in the 4th ward, and that for this purpose a warrant be drawn in favor of said commitee for $100,

Which was passed unanimously.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for $200 be drawn in favor of Isaac S. Miller, late city treasurer, for the purpose of paying him his salary for one year in full, to May 1st, 1853.

Which resolution was passed.

And thereupon, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board adjourned.

J. D. MILLER, *Clerk pro tem.*

Common Council.

Regular Meeting, August 16th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Low and Tyrrell

The minutes of the meeting of the 2d instant were read, corrected, so as to read that Ald. James voted in the negative on the motion to pass the ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to license inns and taverns," and as amended were approved.

The minutes of the 4th instant were also read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Fire Engine Co. No. 4, for alterations of their engine. Ref to com on fire and water.

Petition of James Gopsill to be appointed a city auctioneer. Prayer of petioner was granted.

Petition of Philip Gordon to have a street lamp, which has been placed by him at the corner of Grand and Warren streets, lighted at the expense of the city. Ref to com on lamps.

Remonstrance of Garret Van Riper against the paving of Railroad avenue. Ref to com on streets

Petition of John Gray for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. License ordered to be issued.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of David S Ives, $15, and Clerk & Bacot, $10. Ref to com on public grounds and buildings.

Of Clerk & Bacot, $50; Clerk & Bacot, $30; Clerk & Bacot, $21, and Daniel Keenan, $1974 95. Ref to com on streets

Of Joseph B. Stone, $25, and George Morrow, $2 50. Ref to com on watch.

Of Isaac S Miller, $100, and Edgar Morris, $175. Ref to com on salaries, offices and elections.

Of George Morrow, $1 25. Ref to com on police and licenses.

Of R. and J. McLaughlin, $76 76, and George Morrow, $91 38. Ref to com on lamps.

Of Edgar Morris, $7, and Robert B Nash, $2. Ref to com on public health.

Of William Moore, $16 25, and William Moore, $16 25. Ref to com on streets.

Of George Morrow, $2 06; Moses Swett, $16 62; John Wanner, $16 50, and Patrick Corrigan, $3. Ref to com on fire and water.

The special committee appointed on the 4th inst., to prepare an ordinance approving of the plan of sewerage furnished by the "water commissioners," presented a report and ordinance on the subject, entitled "An ordinance approving the plan for the general system of sewers, furnished by the water commissioners of Jersey City." Report and ordinance received and laid upon the table.

Ald Hill presented the following entitled ordinances; and the same were laid upon the table:

"An ordinance to provide for filling sunken lots."

"An ordinance providing for the opening of South eighth street, through a small gore projecting into said street near the intersection of South eighth and Brunswick streets."

"An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag sidewalks four feet wide, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections of South fifth street, between Erie street and Prospect street, except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street."

Ald Miller presented the following entitled ordinances; and the same were laid upon the table:

"An ordinance to provide for the filling in of the sunken lots in block Nos 73 and 74 lying between Bay street and Railroad avenue, and west of Prospect street."

"An ordinance to regulate surveyors."

The rules of order were suspended to enable the board to audit the following claims, and the same were reported correct by the committees to which they had been referred at previous meetings of the common council, and thereupon were ordered paid:

Of William Whitley, $100; Henry Stiff, $30; and special police, of July 14th, 1853, $35 50.

The committee on streets presented contracts, entered into by them with John Arbuckle for street improvements and submitted the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved, That the contracts with John Arbuckle, for paving, etc., Erie street, from Pavonia avenue to Michigan street, and for paving, etc, of South 8th street, from Grove street to Newark avenue, be approved, and that the said contracts be executed on the part of this corporation, by his honor the mayor and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the city clerk; and that the bonds accompanying the said contracts be filed in the comptroller's office. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on streets submitted proposals and bonds received by them for contracts for street improvements. The proposals were opened and read, and the following resolution in relation thereto, was presented by Ald. Hill, and adopted.

Resolved, That the proposals for regulating and paving Warren street, between Essex & Bergen sts ,*also*, for regulating curbing etc South 6th street,between Jersey ave. and Newark avenue, *also* for regulating, paving, &c., Montgomery street, between Henderson & Grove streets, and for flagging South 3d street, between Grove and Erie streets. which have been received by the com. on streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the Common Council, be referred to said committee with authority to contract with the bidder for said work, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city so to do, and also to have the errors in the bonds corrected. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Hill presented the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the city clerk be requested to publish in the corporation paper, for 20 days, a notice to the effect that the common council propose to fill up to the established grade, curb, gutter, pave and lay cross-walks and flag sidewalks four feet wide, in Grand street, from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove street, and requesting all parties having objections to said improvement to present the same in writing to the common council, at or before the expiration of the time of publication of such notice.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That Louis B. Cobb, Charles M Holmes and Thomas Welwood be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment to assess the cost and expenses of the paving filling in, etc., of Montgomery street between Grove and Barrow streets.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That Charles Fink, Charles M Holmes and Thomas Welwood be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment to assess the cost and expense of paving, etc , of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That Louis B. Cobb, Charles M Holmes and Thomas Welwood be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment to assess the cost and expenses of filling in, etc., Grand street, between Henderson and Grove streets.

On motion of Ald Hill, the votes by which motions were adopted on the 2d inst., ordering improvement certificates to be issued for the following claims were reconsidered, viz :

Of Daniel Keenan, for filling in Grand street between Henderson and Grove streets. $1,164 57; Daniel Keenan, for paving, filling in etc., of Montgomery street, $1,057 31

John Bevan, for surveying Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, $70; and Daniel Keenan, for filling in etc , of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, $1 523 62.

The motions to issue improvement certificates were then withdrawn by Ald Hill, and the claims were referred to the assessors on the several improvements, to be assessed.

On motion of Ald Hill, the votes by which the claims of Daniel Keenan, for paving etc. Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets. amounting to $224 57; and John Bevan, for surveying Montgomery street between Barrow and Grove streets amounting to $40, were ordered paid, were reconsidered ; the motions were then withdrawn by Ald Hill, and the claims referred for assessment to the assessors on said improvements.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of special committee on the subject of the charges against Joseph Smathurst, a city watchman, stating that they do not find the charges sustained, and recommending that he be reinstated as a watchman. Report accepted, and com discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, stating that they have sold the grass in Van Vorst square, and have paid the amount of sale into the city treasury. Report accepted and com discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, stating that they have examined into the condition of the engine house in Morris street, and deem it inexpedient to remove the same, for the reason that the expense of removal will amount to more than the house is worth. Report accepted, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, on the subject of purchasing ground for public buildings, containing a proposition from Hiram Gilbert, and accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be authorized to purchase, in the name of the city, at a price not exceeding four thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars for the whole, four lots

of ground in the centre of block 175, fronting on Erie street, between South 5th and South 6th streets, for the purpose of erecting a public school house thereon.

The report was accepted and the resolution laid upon the table.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, stating that the engine house in Mercer street is completed, and the contractors have been paid the amount of their contracts, the vouchers accompanying the report. Report received, and with the vouchers, referred to the com on finance.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, stating that they have sold the carpet purchased for the large room in Commercial Buildings, and have paid the amount into the city treasury—the city treasurer's receipt accompanying the report. Report accepted, and com discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, in favor of the erection of an iron fence by the N J Railroad & Transportation Company along their railroad track, with gates at the intersections of streets—the report being accompanied by a model of a fence fixed upon by the committee, and recommending the adoption of the proposed plan, and of a request to said company to erect, without delay, under the direction of the committee on public grounds and buildings, a fence according to the model submitted.—Report received, and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Of committee on public grounds and buildings, on the subject of building fire engine, hook and ladder and hose carriage houses, submitting new plan and specifications for the same, and the following resolution:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications submitted by the committee on public grounds and buildings for building engine, hook and ladder and hose carriage houses be approved, and that the said committee be authorized to advertise for proposals for building the same, provided the cost of building said houses shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars each. Report received, and the resolution laid upon the table.

The city Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures during the month of July 1853, showing a balance in the treasury, on the 1st of August, instant, of $7688 78, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was presented and read, and on motion of Ald Narine, ordered to be entered at large on the minutes of proceedings of the common council and published therewith:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Aug. 16, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I herewith return, without my approval, "an ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag side walks, four feet wide, and bridge stone cross walks, at all the intersections of South 5th street, between Erie street and Prospect street, except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street."

The first section of the ordinance provides for the improvement of the entire street, from Erie to Prospect street, which does not conform with the original application for said improvement, and for which the usual notice for objections was duly published, nor with the title of the ordinance above set forth. It will be at once seen that no notice has been published, as required by the charter, for the improvements embraced in this section. If the ordinance should be carried into effect, the work could not be legally done under it, and would necessarily vitiate any assessment laid therefor.

I return the ordinance for your further consideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Miller moved, "That the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag side walks four feet wide, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections of South 5th street, between Erie street and Prospect street—except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street,' be passed notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yea—Ald Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Gardner, Low and Tyrrell.

A lease by the Mayor and Common Council to Thomas D. Jordan, for lots 67 and 69 Grove street, purchased by Henry Southmayd at assessment sale of August 22d, 1850, and assigned to Thomas D. Jordan, drawn by the city attorney, pursuant to resolution of the common council of December 7th, 1852, was presented from that officer, accompanied by the certificate of sale.

On motion of Ald James it was

Resolved, That the lease be executed on the part of this corporation by his honor the

Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the city clerk, that the lease be delivered to Mr Jordan, and the certificate of sale be filed in the city clerk's office.

A report by the collector of assessments of the assessments placed in his hands by his predecessor in office, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The quarterly report of the overseer of the poor was presented, received and ordered filed.

A communication from the first assistant engineer of the fire department, notifying the common council of the election of the following named persons as members of Liberty Engine Company No. 1, was presented, and on motion of Ald Brower, the communication was received, the elections were approved, the names were ordered to be enrolled by the city clerk, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, viz: Patrick Brophy, Samuel A French. Samuel C McLaughlin, James Baxter and Robert Conroy.

Ald James offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the treasurer, in favor of the finance committee, for the sum of $5,000, for the purpose of paying a note of the city, made on the 15th of February last, and due on the 15th and 18th of August inst. to the Hudson County Bank.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President; and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Gardner, Low and Tyrrell.

Ald James offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on laws and ordinances, be instructed to report "a law to prevent the erection of wooden buildings within certain limits."

Ald James offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to call a public meeting, for the purpose of raising funds and extending relief to such indigent persons as are suffering from the dreadful scourge, now raging at New Orleans.

On motion of Ald Miller it was

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts and vouchers of the late city treasurer.

Whereupon Ald James, Miller, and Lyon were appointed as such committee.

On motion of Ald Hill, the petition of John Campbell, for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, presented and laid upon the table on the 2nd instant, was taken up, and a license ordered to be issued.

Ald Narine moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald Lyon moved to proceed to the appointment of city watchmen. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Ald Miller, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the board to make the appointments *viva voce*, whereupon the following were made:

Second Ward.—John P. Maseker, Wm. Anness, Thomas M. Craig. Wm. H Bassett, Nathaniel Turner, George Ibbs.

Fourth Ward.—Edward Kenney, Wm. S. Van Doren, Thomas Ledwith, Cornelius Pettit, James Carberry, Joseph Smathurst.

The appointments from the First and Third Wards were postponed for the present.

On motion of Ald Edge the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular meeting, September 6th, 1853.

Present—The President and Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Cleveland.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from T Robinson Rodgers as Secretary of a meeting of firemen held on the 26th ultimo, enclosing a copy of the proceedings of the said meeting. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Timothy McCarthy for a license to keep an inn and tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of William Murto for a license to keep an inn and tavern Laid upon the table

Petition of Morrell & Vanderbeek and others to have Hudson street, from the Southerly side of Mercer street to the Southerly side of Wayne street, filled into the established grade, paved, curbed and guttered, etc. Ref to com on streets.

Petition of Edward P. Torrey and others, to have Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street, regulated, &c Ref to com on streets.

Petition to John Post and others to have Warren street, from the railroad to the south side of Morgan street, curbed and guttered, and Warren street, from Montgomery street to the south side of Morgan street, flagged four feet wide, &c Ref to com on streets.

The official bond of P. C. Dummer as Collecter of Taxes. The bond was approved.

Petition of M. Lineau and others to have South 6th street, between Jersey ave. and Grove street, curbed, guttered &c. Ref to com on streets.

The following communication from the Board of Education was presented, and a warrant for the amount of the requisition ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer.

At a special meeting of the board of education held Monday evening, Sept. 5 1853, the following preamble and resolution were adopted. The yeas and nays were taken upon the resolution, which resulted in all the members of the board who were present being a majority of the whole, voting in the affirmative:

Whereas The several instalments are about falling due from time to time upon the contracts, for altering and repairing public school house No. 1, amounting in all to the sum of $2,432; and whereas, according to the terms of the contract, it will become necessary, as the work progresses, to disburse the said amount in several sums, and at different times within the present month; and will therefore be inconvenient and impracticable to apply to the common council for said several amounts separately; therefore,

Resolved That a requisition be ordered on the common council for the said sum of $2,432, being the aggregate amounts of said contracts, said sum to be disbursed by and under the direction of the finance committee of this board.—Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

The following communication from the Board of Education was presented, and a warrant for the amount of the requisition ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer.

At a regular meeting of the board of education held at the city clerk's office, August 9th, 1853 a requisition was ordered on the common council in favor of Ingham & Hall, for $27 53, that being the amount reported due them upon their account for fuel furnished the public school. Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD,
Clk. board of education.

Communication from the board of education in relation to proposed improvements in public school house No 1. Ref to com on schools with instructions to confer with the board of education on the subjects contained in the communication.

Communication from Hiram Gilbert as agent for Gerrit Smith, proposing to sell ground to the city for public purposes. Ref to com on public grounds and buildings.

Petition of J Houston and others for the abatement of a nuisance in Coles street, between Newark and Railroad ave., caused by stagnant water. Ref to com on public health with power.

Petition of John M. Cornelison and others for the appointment of William Reen as a city watchman. Ref to the aldermen of the first ward.

Petition of Job Male to have a sewer constructed in Morris street, between Washington and Warren streets, from the centre of the block to the Washington street sewer, in conformity with the plan of sewerage adopted for the city. Ref to com on sewers, and the city clerk directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the third Tuesday in September inst, at 8 o'clock p. m. to hear and consider any

objections which may then be presented in writing to said improvement.

Petition of B O Edge and others to have a sewer built through Essex street to the river, according to the plan of sewerage presented to the common council by the water commissioners. Ref to com on sewer, and the city clerk directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the third Tuesday in September instant, at 8 o'clock p m. to hear and consider any objections which may then be presented in writing to said improvement

Petition of William White and others to have Jersey street in the 3d ward, opened so as to run into Jersey avenue at Newark avenue, by such course as may be deemed expedient, and to have Jersey avenue, in the 4th ward, altered and widened on the westerly side, so as to make Jersey street and Jersey avenue run into each other in such convenient manner as the common council shall deem expedient. Ref to com on streets, and the city clerk directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the third Tuesday in October next, at eight o'clock P. M., to hear and consider any objections which may then be presented in writing to said improvement.

Bond of indemnity of Daniel Keenan to the mayor and common council of Jersey City, agreeing to keep Jersey avenue in repair etc Ref to com on laws and ordinances.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J F Richardson, $4 25: and lamplighters, $20. Ref to com on lamps

Of C H Winfield, $3 09. Ref to com on laws and ordinances.

Of John Bevan $125 Ref to com on assessments.

Of S Quaife, $35; E Morris, $12 50. Ref to com on public grounds and buildings.

Of Ingham & Hall, $2; Drayton & Durant, $10 89; Jas McDonald, $15 25; Geo Ford, $12; Jas Wilson, $8; Jas Wilson, $7; Edward Hope, Jr. $11 50; Geo Ford, $35 45; Geo Coleman & Co., $12 50; J H Vondy, $5; W H Murphy, $21 81; Geo Conklin, $13 55; Jacob Erwin, $12 11; John O'Neil, 50 cts.; Doyle & Brady, $13 25; John Crummey, $20 60; John Howeth, $15 40, and W. Pile, $3 10. Ref to com on alms.

Of Daniel Keenan, $3009 71; Alexander Love, $400; W W & L A Pratt, 15 25; Wm Moore, $25 25; Clerk & Bacot, $150; and Daniel Keenan, $9778 57. Ref to com on streets.

Of G A Tittle, $4 13: Ira Clark, 67cts; Geo Morrow, $1; Thomas Layland, 40cts.; Thomas Newham, $32 25, and Thomas & Maxwell, $2 57 Ref to com on fire and water.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of N Ellis, $68 19; Sunday police, $38; W A Pollard, $40 50; B F Champney, 40 50; J F Richardson, $8 25; City watchmen, $674 92, and Woolsey & Clark, $8 09.

The following claims presented and referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct for the following amounts and said amounts, were ordered paid:

Patrick Lee, $1 50; Special Police, $11; Geo Morrow, $1 25, G Morrow, $1 25; Geo Morrow, $2 50; Henry Stiff, $3, Geo Morrow, $2 88, D S Ives, $15; Clerk & Bacot, $10; J Clark, $2 50; A O Zabriskie, $80; J Jelly, $3; A Tiernan, $1 50; W A Durrie, $125; E B Wakeman $62 50; E Morris, $175; S Quaif, $57 64; G E Cutter, $112 50; S A Stone, $6; L Smith, $5 50; Thomas & Maxwell, 75 cts; P Corrigan, $3; J Wagner, $16 50; Geo Morrow, $2 06; M Swett, $16 62; C Delany, $5 38; Geo Morrow, $91 38; Lamplighters, $72; J F Richardson, $20; J McDonald, $20; R & J McLaughlin, $60; Geo Morrow, $98 6; Geo Morrow, $128 46; Geo Morrow, $2 50; J B Stone, $25; J F Richardson, $8; R McLaughlin, $17 50; Geo Ford, $25 49: Jas Wiley, $8 50; J Wilson, $7; Geo Ford, $9; Drayton & Durant, $19 63; A O Labriskie, $100; C H Winfield, $4 65; Jesse Platt, $10, R B Nash, $2; Edgar Morris, $7; D Keenan, $147 32; S H Many $8 63; Clerk & Bacot, $30; William Moore, $16 25; Clerk & Bacot, $21, and Browning, Stephens & Marsh. $17 17.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of com on police and licenses, on the petition of Peter Waggner for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Report received, and prayer of the petitioner granted.

Of com on finance, on the report and accompanying vouchers of the com on public grounds and buildings, in relation to amounts paid for building engine house in Mercer st, the report stating that the com find the same correct, and recommending that the comp-

troller be directed to pass them to the credit of com on public grounds and buildings.—Report received and ordered filed.

Of com on finance, stating that pursuant to resolution of 2d ult, they have caused notice to be published of the expiration of the time for the redemption of property sold on the 6th October, 1851, at the corporation sale of that date. Report received and ordered filed.

Of com on finance, on the return of unpaid assessmeats, referred to them on the 16th ultimo, the report recommending that the list of property contained in said return be advertised for sale, according to law, for non-payment of said assessments. Report received, and the com on finance authorized to advertise the said property for sale, as recommended in the report

Of committee on finance on city treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures for May and July, 1853, the report stating that a special committee have examined the treasurer's accounts and vouchers from the 15th March last to the 18th August last, and have found the same correct, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the said reports. Reports received, and the com discharged from their further consideration.

Of special committee on accounts and vouchers of Isaac S Miller, Esq, late city treasurer, the report stating that the committee have examined his accounts and vouchers from the 15th March last up to the 23d ult, and find the same correct, and that the balance of moneys in his hands has been paid over to his successor; and recommending that a warrant be drawn in favor of the late city treasurer for two hundred dollars. Report accepted and a warrant for the said amount ordered to be drawn.

The vote on motion being as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Brower, Hill and Low :

Yeas—The President; and Ald Gardner, James, Low Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea and White.

Nays—Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Cleveland.

Of com on police and licenses, adverse to granting the prayer of George Anderson and Peter H Earle contained in their petitions, for a reduction of their omnibus license fees. Report received, and com discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of com on police and licenses, on the petition of Stephen W Treadwell to be appointed a Sunday policeman, the report stating that there is no vacancy in the department. Report received, and com discharged from the further consideration of the petition

Of com on police and licenses, on the petition of John Hedden and Bernard Hughes for a remission of fines imposed upon them for driving carts without licenses, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners Report received, and com discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of com on public grounds and buildings, on the disposition made by them of the appropriation placed in their hands for celebrating the 4th July last, accompanied by vouchers. Report and vouchers received and referred to the com on finance.

The com on streets reported contracts for certain street improvements, and the following resolution in relation thereto :

Resolved, That the contracts with John Arbuckle for regulating, etc., South Sixth street, between Jersey avenue and Newark avenue, and for paving Warren street, between Essex street and Bergen street, and for flagging South Third street, between Grove and Erie streets, and for paving, etc, Montgomery st, from Henderson to Grove streets be approved, and that the said contracts be executed on the part of this corporation by his honor the mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the city clerk, and the bonds accompanying the said contracts be filed in the comptroller's office.

The resolution was adopted

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That David Bedford, Charles M Holmes and Hervey M Soule be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment to assess the cost and expenses of filling in South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street.

The committee on streets reported as correct the claim of Daniel Keenan, for $1,974 95, for filling in South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, and the same was then referred to the assessors on said improvement.

The committee on streets reported as correct the claim of Clerk & Bacot, for $50, for surveys, etc., for the regulation of South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street; and also the claim of William Moore, for $16 25, for superintending, and paving Montgomery street. Ref to com on assessments.

The committee on police and licenses asked to be, and were discharged from the further consideration of the claim of I S Miller for $100, referred to them on the 16th ultimo, and the claim was referred to the committee on salaries, offices and elections,

reported correct and ordered paid.

The city treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures from August 24th to the 1st September instant, showing an excess of expenditures over receipts amounting to $2 73, was presented and referred to committee on finance.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 22d ult., was presented read, and on motion of Ald Miller ordered to be entered at large on the minutes of the common council, and published therewith :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Aug. 20, 1853

To the Honorable the Common Council :—

Gentleman—An ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the opening of Jersey avenue, from Mercer street to Newark avenue," is herewith returned unapproved

The first section of the ordinance provides "that a street eighty feet in width be opened from Mercer street in the Third ward, at the points where Jersey avenue intersects said Mercer street to the southerly side of Newark avenue in said ward, which street shall be so opened as to be a continuation of Jersey avenue ——— to be of equal width and of continuous course therewith and shall be known and called as Jersey avenue "

The ordinance, it will be observed, proposes to extend Jersey avenue in a continuous line to a point where it would intersect Mercer street, which would be near Barrow in Mercer. Although the ordinance accords with the published application for the opening of Jersey avenue, I am forced to the conclusion that it was not the intention of the application, nor of your Honorable body to have Jersey avenue projected to the point in Mercer street above described The object, undoubtedly, was to open and connect in the most desirable manner *Jersey street* and *Jersey avenue*, which would readily meet my concurrence, and which could be accomplished either by extending Jersey street until the exterior lines of said street would intersect the exterior lines of Jersey avenue, or by connecting the said street and avenue diagonally across the block in which they now terminate, from Jersey street north of Railroad avenue, to Jersey avenue, south of Newark avenue But this connection could not be legally made by the ordinance under consideration nor by any other growing out of the present application before your Honorable body.

Under these circumstances I return the ordinance for your further action.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Miller moved, "That the ordinance entitled" an ordinance providing for the opening of Jersey avenue, from Mercer street to Newark avenue, "pass notwithstanding the mayor's objections" The motion was lost, the vote being as follows the yeas and nays being ordered and taken :

Yeas—None

Nays—The President and Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Cleveland.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz :

"Application to have Bright street between Grove street and Jersey avenue filled up to the established grade, curbed guttered and side walks flagged, four feet wide."

"Application to have the grade of Morgan street regulated, and the centre of the same elevated nine or twelve inches above the sides, with a regular slope from the centre so that the water will pass off; and also, to have the walk on each side curbed and guttered, and flagged four feet wide and bridge stones laid at intersections of streets."

"Application to have a sewer constructed from a point two hundred and twenty five feet west of Barrow street, in York street, and extending easterly along York street to Grove street."

"Application to have Railroad avenue, on the north side of the Railroad from Prospect street to Warren street filled to the established grade, nineteen feet in width"

"Application to have Grand street, from Jersey street to the creek, filled out to the proper width, and filled up to the established grade. Reports received and ordered filed

A report from the captain of the watch, on the condition of the watch department for the quarter ending on the 1st ultimo. Ref to com on watch.

Ald James offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on finance be authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars for the term of six months, in anticipation of the taxes of the present year, and that the Mayor be requested to sign a bond for that purpose, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon,

Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—none.

Absent—Ald Cleveland

Ald James offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the amount of compensation, to be paid to the board of water commissioners for the present year, commencing on the 1st day of May, last, be fixed at the sum of four thousand dollars, to be divided among them in such proportions as they shall agree upon.

Ald Slater moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken at the call of Ald James, Gardner and Low

Yeas—Ald Hill, Miller, Narine and Slater.

Nays—Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, James, Low, Lyon, Rapplyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Cleveland

The President not voting on this nor the following motion and the original resolution, having been excused from doing so by the board.

Ald Miller moved to amend the resolution by striking out $4,000 and inserting in lieu thereof $3,000.

The motion was lost, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken at the call of Ald Slater, Hill and Miller :

Yeas—Ald Edge, Hill, Miller, Narine, and Slater.

Nays—Ald Brower, Gardner, James Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Cleveland.

The original resolution offered by Ald James was then adopted without amendment, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald James, Slater and Low.

Yeas—Ald Brower, Gardner, James Low Lyon Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Edge, James, Miller and Slater

Absent—Ald Cleveland.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a map, executed by Messrs Clerk & Bacot, under authority of the Common Council, dated Aug. 1, 1853, and designated as "a map of the shore around Jersey City," establishing the permanent water line of the city be accepted and filed in the City Clerk's office, and that the committee on laws and ordinances be directed to draft an ordinance, authorizing and directing the shore owners to carry out the shore improvements, in conformity with said map.

Ald Lyon offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the corporation printer be employed to print, in manual form the proceedings of the common council from the commencement of the present corporation year up to the time when the publication of the manual was commenced ; said printing to be done under the direction of the com on finance, and that said committee be directed to procure suitable covers for said manuals

Ald Miller offered the following preamble and resolution which were adopted :

Whereas, It is apparent that the various Railroad companies, by the use of their locomotive engines, do, to a great extent, obstruct Greene street, between Montgomery and Wayne streets, and by the continual noise and smoke arising from them, tend to annoy and injure the inhabitants in the vicinity, giving cause for, and provoking complaint : and whereas, it is supposed that said Railroad companies might conveniently avoid such causes of complaint by retaining their engines in their engine houses, and on their own grounds, until actually required for use at their cars.

Resolved, That the N.J. Railroad & Trans. Company, and the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad company, and all other companies using locomotive engines at the place indicated, be informed of the causes of complaint above stated, and requested to obviate them ; and that for this purpose a copy of this preamble and resolution be furnished to said companies respectively.

On motion of Ald Miller it was

Resolved, That when the board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at the common council chamber on Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking up and considering the subject of city sewerage and the ordinance on the table on that subject; and that a committee of three members of the board be appointed to obtain such information as they may deem necessary relative to the matter, and to lay the same before the common council at such adjourned meeting.

Ald Miller, James and Narine, were appointed as the committee, and, as motion of Ald Miller, the President was added to it as one of its members.

Ald Slater moved "That a committee of five be appointed to meet and confer with

the board of water commissioners in respect to the progress of the Jersey City water works" The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald Low, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the board to appoint city watchmen, from the 1st and 3d wards, *viva voce*.

Whereupon the following were made:

First Ward—James McDonald, Richard Creech, Peter Egan, James Blaney, William Burke, Michael Fallen.

Third Ward—Peter P. Post, Michael McLaughlin, John Thomas, Daniel McNamara, John F. Richardson and Thomas Coolahan.

A communication from the first assistant engineer of the fire department, notifying the common council of the election of Abraham B Demarest as a member of Protection of fire engine company No. 5, was presented and received and

On motion of Ald Brower the election was approved, the name ordered to be enrolled by the city clerk, and the usual certificate of membership to be issued.

Ald James and Lyon desiring it, by consent of the board, they exchanged places with each other as members of the committees on lamps and assessments. Ald James becoming a member of the committee on assessments, and Ald Lyon of the committee on lamps.

On motion of Ald Whitlock the petition of Joseph Aublen for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, was taken from the table, and the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

Ald Slater offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on police and licenses:

Resolved, That the committee on police and licenses be instructed to collect from the Jersey city ferry company for the services of one of the special police at the ferry and pay the same into the treasury.

(Ald Tyrrell obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz: "an ordinance to provide for the filling in of the sunken lots in blocks nos 73 and 74, lying between Bay street and Railroad avenue, and west of Prospect street."

The blank in the first section of the ordinance was, on motion, filled with the word "two," and the ordinance then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Nays—none

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Ald Narine offered the following amendment to the ordinance to establish, regulate, and control the fire department, etc.

Sec. 6 Be amended by adding the words "of not less than $250," after the word "salary" in the first line.

Laid upon the table.

Ald Hill presented the following entitled ordinances, and the same were laid upon the table.

"An ordinance to provide for filling in south side of Railroad avenue, from Gilbert street to Mill street, to the established grade, curbed, guttered, paved and cross walks laid at all the intersections."

"An ordinance to provide for paving Barrow street, between Bright street and Grand street."

"An ordinance to provide for regulating Morgan street, between Grove street and Greene street; the centre of the street to be elevated nine or twelve inches above the sides with a regular slope from the centre; the sidewalks to be flagged four feet wide on each side; also to be curbed and guttered on each side of said street, and bridge stones to be laid at all the intersections."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Railroad avenue, nineteen feet wide, to the established grade, between Prospect street and Warren street"

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Grand street, on each side of the Plank road, to the established grade, between Jersey st. and the Mill creek."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Bright street to the established grade, curbed, guttered and side walks flagged four feet wide, between Grove street and Jersey street."

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, September 13th, 1853, at 8 o'clock P. M

Present.—The President; and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent.—Ald. Hill, James and Rappleyea.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Miller it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the question of city sewerage be postponed, and that further time be allowed to the special committee on that subject to present their report.

The Committee on Alms submitted two proposals received by them for the contract to build a storehouse on the alms house lot. The proposals were opened, read and found to be from L'hommedieu & Allen and Alfred Hallock.

On motion of Ald. Slater the proposals were referred to the Committee on Alms, with authority to make a contract for building the said house, with the lowest bidder for the same, provided the committee deem it for the interests of the city to do so.

A communication from Joseph Dodd, in relation to a sale of his property in 1829, by the Corporation of Jersey City, which has since been redeemed, but is uncancelled of record, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A petition of John Core and others for permission to construct a drain, at their own expense, in Bright street, from Barrow street, to intersect the sewer in Grove street, and referred to the Committee on Sewers, with power.

The Com. on Fire and Water presented a report on the petition of E. D Riley and others, asking for an increase of the salary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, for the reason that the salary having been fixed by ordinance for the current year, it would be in conflict with the City Charter to increase the salary during the present year. Report received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Com. on Fire and Water presented a report on the communication of S. A. French and others, proposing to purchase Fire Engine No. 1, adverse to selling said engine. Report received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorised to advertise for a loan of ten thousand dollars, for a term of not less than ten years, for the purpose of buying lots, and erecting buildings thereon, for the use of the Fire Department of this city. The resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular meeting, September 20th, 1853.

In the absence of the President, the board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Narine the board adjourned to meet at the City Clerk's office on the 21st inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office on Wednesday, September 21st, 1853, at 7 1-2 o'clock P.M.

Present—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Ald Tyrrell was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald Edge, Low, Lyon and Miller.

In the absence of the city clerk Ald James was appointed city clerk *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting held September 13th, 1853, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc, were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from his honor the mayor, announcing the suspension of Michael Fallon as a city watchman. Ref to the aldermen of the first ward.

Petition of Patrick Meer for a license to peddle fruit and vegetables. Laid upon the table.

Invitation from the managers of the American Institute to attend their fair. Accepted, and the city clerk directed to furnish the managers of the institute with the names of the members of the common council as a delegation who will attend the fair.

Communication of Daniel Thomas and Jeremiah Haley, asking for the removal of a fence and house on the bulk head, which has been erected opposite their property in Hudson street. Ref. to committee on streets with power.

Communication of D S Gregory, in relation to the sale of water lots at the last tax sale. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances

Communication of the board of education, asking an appropriation for warming, ventilating, etc, the public schools. Laid upon the table.

Resignation of Joseph Quaife as collector of arrears of taxes. Resignation accepted.

Petition of Andrew Clerk and others, to have sewers constructed in Van Vorst, Grand, Bright, York and Barrow streets, according to the plan recommended by the water commissioners. Ref. to committee on sewers, and the city clerk directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that objections to the construction of the said sewers will be received and considered by the common council at its meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in November next.

Communication of the assessors on the subject of the taxes to be raised for the present year. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Report of committee on schools, in favor of instructing the board of education to go on with the alterations in public school house No. 1, as suggested in their memorial presented on the 6th instant. Report received and recommendation of the committee adopted.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Connelly & Bagley, $10 15. Ref to committee on sewers.

Of D. C. Gardner, $15 00; and George S Gardner, $8 50. Ref to committee on alms:

Of Connelly & Bagley, $8 79; and Geo. Morrow, $5 11. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of George Morrow $2 50; and George Morrow, $123 70. Ref to committee on lamps.

Of William Moore, $32 50; and John Corrigan, $242 62. Ref to committee on streets.

Of Joseph Quaife, $182 32. Ref to committee on finance:

Of Edgar Morris, $6 00. Ref to committee on public health.

Of George Morrow, $3 38. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of L. Smith, 75 cents; and George Morrow, $4 50. Ref to committee on watch.

Requisition of the board of education for payment of the following claims:

G Brettell for $2 50; W. C. Murphy for $3; J & G W Labaw for $7 64; Wm Rommel for $42 32; F J Harter for $3; George Box for $12 50; R B Earle & Co. for $10 63; Stephen Barre for $11 in favor of James Flemming.

The rules of order were suspended for the purpose, and warrants were ordered to be drawn for the amounts in favor of the parties named.

The committee on streets reported correct for the following amounts the following claims referred to them on the 6th inst.:

Of Wm. Moore, 41 25; Clerk & Bacot, $150; Daniel Keenan, $9778 57, and presented therewith the following resolution.

Resolved, That Louis B. Cobb, Samuel Wescott and Joseph Clowes be appointed commissioners to assess the cost and expenses upon the real estate benefitted by the paving, flagging, filling &c., of Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Newark avenue, and that improvement certificates be drawn in favor of Daniel Keenan for the amount of his claim, also that improvement certificates be drawn in favor of Messrs. Clerk & Bacot, and William Moore, for the amount of their claim,

Report accepted, resolution adopted, and

the claims referred to the committee on assessments.

The yeas and nays on the motion being as follows:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald Edge, Low, Lyon, Miller and Tyrrell.

The committee on alms reported that they have entered into a contract with Alfred Hallick for the erection of the store house on the alms house lot, he being the lowest bidder for the same. Report received.

(Ald Tyrrell appeared and took his seat)

The committee on public grounds and buildings presented a report on Gerrit Smith's proposition in relation to ground for the erection of public buildings, recommending that the proposition be accepted, if it can be done without conflicting with the city charter, and that the subject be referred to the committee on laws and ordinances, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting of the common council. Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

The committee on sewers presented a report adverse to granting the prayer of Andrew Clerk and other petitioners, for the construction of a sewer in York street between Grove street and Jersey avenue Report accepted, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on sewers presented a report on the "objections of C F Durant to the water commissioners report upon a plan of city sewerage;" the report setting forth that the committee do not deem it to be to the public interest to publish any part of Mr. Durant's communication. Report accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the communication.

The following being the vote on the motion to accept the report, and discharge the committee from the further consideration of the communication, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Narine, Rappleyea and White

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Hill, James, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald Gardner, Narine, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Edge, Low, Lyon and Miller.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices:

"Application to have Grand street, from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove street, improved."

"Application to have a sewer constructed in Morris street, between Washington and Warren sts."

"Application to have a sewer constructed through Essex street to the river."

Reports received and ordered filed.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 20th September instant, was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Sept. 20, 1853.

To the Honorable the Common Council:—

Gentlemen—I return herewith, without my approval, a report, and recommendation that a warrant be drawn in the sum of two hundred dollars, in favor of Isaac S Miller, the late city treasurer.

The report is based upon three reasons,—all of which, in my judgment, are fallacious—and one of them certainly wanting of any foundation in fact

The first reason is, that the salary of the city treasurer was only two hundred dollars last year, while the present year it is fixed at four hundred. If this mode of reasoning is to be adopted as a precedent, the rule will apply with entire propriety to every officer of the city government whose salary has been increased during the present year, and who would be justified in claiming the difference between the two salaries, especially if your honorable body, in fixing the salaries for the present year, made a just and equitable increase, according to the actual and merited services rendered by the respective officers.

The next reason is, that the salary of this officer was fixed at five hundred dollars in an ordinance last year, and so passed the common council, and would have become a law had not the mayor vetoed the ordinance, on the ground of his objections to the watchmen's salaries—a reference to the message which I had the honor to transmit upon the occasion referred to, and which was sustained by a vote of twelve to three, will show how utterly groundless is this assertion, for it will be seen that the objections to that ordinance were of a character strictly legal, and because the ordinance was in direct conflict, in some of its provisions, with the city charter.

The third reason for recommending the payment of this sum is, that the officer has earned it, and that, having been paid only two hundred dollars, he is entitled to the other two hundred. This reason has for its basis the first one given in the report, and the same objections apply to it with equal force.

Apart, however, from these objections, there are others, of a more serious character. The resolution ordering the warrant does not specify the object or purpose for which it is to be drawn, which is a special requirement of the charter, and without being strictly complied with, the city clerk could not draw and deliver the warrant, as he is directed by the charter before delivering any warrant to enter in the margin of "the warrant book," opposite the warrant, the date of the resolution ordering it, and the object for which it was ordered, and to take a receipt from the person to whose order the warrant is drawn, at the end of such marginal entry. The clerk could not draw this warrant for the certain reasons set forth in the report, nor for the salary of the late city treasurer for the past year, as a warrant has already been drawn for that object, and the late treasurer has receipted, under the proper marginal entry, for his salary, as fixed by ordinance for the past year.

Another and fatal objection is to be found in the

charter, which prescribes that the common council shall have power to fix the salary, pay or compensation of all officers, both appointed and elected, by general ordinance (aldermen excepted), and the compensation of any officer which has been once fixed, shall not be increased.

It is true that Mr Miller is not now an officer of the city government, but it is not the less imperative that any such payment as that proposed, if intended as a compensation for services rendered, must be made by ordinance, and the object specifically set forth.

s, in my judgment, a wise provision of our charter, that the salaries of our city officers shall be fixed by general ordinance, and this provision implies that they cannot be altered only by ordinance - If the common council may, by a simple resolution, annul, amend or repeal ordinances, it would produce inextricable confusion, and would be, in my judgment, at variance with the spirit and meaning of the charter.

If I am wrong in my conclusions, I am sure the good sense of your honorable body will correct me

I am compelled to return the report and resolution, not for the purpose or expectation of being able to convince all the members of your honorable body of the propriety of my course, nor yet to save the paltry sum of two hundred dollars, or deprive any officer of his just earnings, but for a higher and holier purpose—it is to satisfy the oath which I have taken, and under its sacred requirements fulfil a duty I owe to the charter, to my constituents and my conscience. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Narine moved "that the resolution to adopt the report of the committee, and issue a warrant in favor of Isaac S. Miller, late city treasurer, pass, notwithstanding the mayor's objections."

The motion was lost, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Gardner and James

Nays—Ald Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Edge, Low, Lyon and Miller.

Reports from the first assistant engineer of the fire department, of the election of members by Hercules engine company No 3, and Protection engine company No 5, were presented and received. Elections approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued

A claim of Hugh Billingsley, for $60, was presented and referred to the committee on lamps.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for two hundred dollars in favor of Thomas W. Morehouse, for services rendered in the fire department as chief engineer.

Ald. Narine offered the following as an amendment to Ald Hill's resolution:

Whereas, a bill amounting to two hundred dollars, was presented some time since, to this Common Council, by Thos W Morehouse for services as chief engineer, and

Whereas, said bill was referred to the committee on fire and water, some four months since, and no report has been made in relation thereto; therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the treasurer, in favor of Thomas W Morehouse, for $209, being in full for money expended, or services rendered as chief engineer of the fire department, previous to the 15th March, 1853, at which time the salary ordinance took effect.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening next, the 29h instant, at the Common Council Chamber.

Ald Narine offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be directed to ascertain the cost of a fire alarm bell, and the expense attending the erection thereof at a suitable height, to be heard throughout the city; designating the location of the same, and report at the next regular meeting of the common council.

Ald Narine moved to proceed to the election of two judges of election in each of the 1st, 2d and 3d wards and of clerks for the same wards, to fill vacancies existing. The motion was carried.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell the rule requiring a balloting was dispensed with, and the appointments were made *viva voce*.

The following are the appointments:

Frederick H Ellis, clerk of the first ward; James Flemming, jun., clerk of the second ward; Isaac Van Saun, clerk of the third ward; Brenton B Grinnell and David Smith, judges of election in the first ward; George W Edge, and John C Robbins, judges of election in the second ward; James S Hutton and Charles H Hankins, judges of election in the third ward.

The rule requiring a balloting having been suspended for the purpose of enabling the board to make the appointment *viva voce* on motion of Ald White, it was

Resolved, That Stephen Quaife be appointed collector of arrears of taxes.

Ald Slater gave notice, that he would move that the 34th rule of order be amended, so that the word "first" in the third line be stricken out, and the word "meeting" in the 4th line be altered to "meetings."

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings to investigate the claim of the city to the plot of ground situated on Grand street, between Grove street on the west, Henderson on the east, and the Morris Canal on the south, and to employ counsel if they deem it necessary and to report at a subsequent meeting.

Ald Hill moved "That the committee on

streets be authorized to have hand bills printed for the purpose of advertising for proposals for paving streets, etc. The motion was carried.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That the plans and specifications be taken from the table, and that the committee on public grounds and buildings be instructed to advertise for proposals for building an engine house for engine No. 2, at a cost not exceeding $2000, on the lot belonging to the City in Essex street.

The committee on police and licenses reported favorably on the petition of William Pile, to be re appointed a city auctioneer, referred to the said committee on the 7th June last, and on motion of Ald Rappleyea the report was accepted and William Pile was appointed a city auctioneer.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

THOS W JAMES, City Clerk, *pro tem.*

Common Council.

Adjourned meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, September 27th, 1853, at 7 1 2 o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Ald White was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

A petition from Justus Smith and Horace M Smith for a lease of the strip of ground, twelve feet in width, where the Passaic aqueduct is laid adjoining their land, was presented and referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

In pursuance with previous notice given by him at the last meeting of the common council, Ald Slater moved to amend the 34th rule of order by striking out the word "*first*" in the 3rd line, and altering the word "*meeting*" in the 4th line to the word "*meetings*." The amendment was laid upon the table.

The declination of B B Grinnell of the office of judge of election in the first Ward, was presented, accepted and ordered filed.

(Ald White appeared and took his seat.)

A communication from his honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension of William Burke, one of the city watchmen, accompanied by the charges against him upon which the suspension is grounded, was presented and referred to the committee on watch.

On motion of Ald Narine the vote by which the communication of his honor the mayor, announcing the suspension of Michael Fallon, a city watchman, was referred to the Aldermen from the First Ward on the 21st inst, was reconsidered the motion amended so as to refer the same to the committee on watch, and the motion as amended adopted.

A claim of Francis S Brettell, for $5 25, was presented and referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

Ald Miller offered the following preamble and resolution which were adopted.

Whereas, George W Coster and others have agreed with the water commissioners, to convey to the city for the use of the water works, a strip of land lying near and adjoining the Bellville turnpike, on condition that if the use of it for the water works is abandoned it will be conveyed back to them.

Resolved, That the mayor be authorized on part of the city to fix the city seal to, and sign a deed with a stipulation for such reconveyance.

Ald Narine moved to take up his amendments to the ordinance regulating the fire department, presented and laid upon the table on the 6th September instant. The motion was lost.

A communication from John Sylvester, city weigher and measurer, asking for the repeal of the ordinance in relation to his office, approved on the 18th April last, was presented, and on motion of Ald Slater referred to the committee on laws and ordinances, with instructions to report an ordinance repealing the ordinance referred to in the communication.

A claim of J H Ludlum for $146 81 was presented and referred to the committee on fire and water.

Claims of William Eaton for $60, and R & J McLaughlin for $45 32, were presented and referred to the committee on lamps.

A petition from C A Yerington and others to have a lamp placed on the corner of South 2d street and Jersey avenue, and a lamp placed in South 2d street, two hundred feet west of Jersey avenue, was presented and referred to the committee on lamps.

Resignations of William H Bassett and John Thomas, as city watchmen, were presented, received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald Low the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Andrew Clancey, of the Third ward, was appointed a city watchman.

On motion of Ald Lyon the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the board to appoint a watchman from the Second ward; and

On motion of Ald Edge, John Ayres was appointed city watchman.

Ald Narine presented the assessment for the filling in of Morgan street, between Warren and Prospect streets, and on his motion the same was ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Ald Narine offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for filling in of Morgan street, between Warren and Prospect streets is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in October next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.; to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on streets be authorized to open the north side of Railroad avenue, between Newark avenue and Grove street to the proper width, and to have the curb and gutter, and a four foot side walk laid on the same.

After considerable discussion and the offering and withdrawal of several amendments to the resolution, on motion of Ald Hill leave was granted to Ald Rappleyea to withdraw his resolution.

The resolution was not withdrawn, and on motion of Ald Hill the same was laid on the table.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was laid upon the table on motion of Ald Low :

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be authorized to enclose Hamilton square in the 4th ward of Jersey City, with a wooden fence, to cost not more than fifty cents per foot, in conformity with the plan for the regulation of the same herewith annexed.

Ald Low, from the committee on ferries and wharves, presented a report signed by himself and Ald Whitlock, on the communication of C F Durant, asking the privilege of building docks etc, in front of his lots in Hudson street, referred to said committee on the 14th June last.

On motion of the President, the consideration of the report was postponed until the next meeting of the common council.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Grand street, on each side of the plank road, to the established grade, between Jersey st. and the Mill creek."

The title of the ordinance was amended, on motion of Ald White, so as to read :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Grand street to the established grade, between Jersey street and the Mill creek," and as amended in its title, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President ; and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None,

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

The committee on fire and water presented a report adverse to the payment of the claim of Thomas W Morehouse, for $200, for one years' services as chief engineer of the fire department of Jersey city from May 3d 1852 to May 31 1853, referred to the commitee on the 17th May last ; the report setting forth that " according to the 6th sec. of an ordinance entitled an ordinance to establish, regulate, and control the fire department, passed Feb 8th, and approved March 22nd, 1853, the chief engineer shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the common council, and as said salary was not fixed by the former board, therefore " the committee recommend the non payment of the claim. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the claim.

On motion of Ald James the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Robert Gilchrist, junior, was *viva voce* appointed a judge of election in the first ward.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in south side of Railroad avenue, from Gilbert street to Mill street, to the established grade, curbed, guttered, paved and cross walks laid at all the intersections "

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald Miller

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the rules of order were suspended to enable the board to audit two claims, and the following were reported correct by the committee on public grounds and buildings and ordered paid, viz :

Of S Quaife for $35 ; and S Quaife for $12 50.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in Bright street to the established grade, curbed, guttered and side walks flagged four feet wide, between Grove street and Jersey street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President ; and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald Low.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

(Ald Low obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, laying crosswalks and sidewalk four feet wide on the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and the intersection of Newark avenue."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald Cleveland, Gardner and Low.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for paving Barrow street, between Bright street and Grand street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald Cleveland, Gardner and Low.

(Ald Low appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for regulating Morgan steeet, between Grove street and Greene street ; the centre of the street to be elevated nine or twelve inches above the sides with a regular slope from the centre ; the sidewalks to be flagged four feet wide on each side ; also to be curbed and guttered on each side of said street, and bridge stones to be laid at all the intersections."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Hill, Low, Lyon Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Aid Edge, James and Narine.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag side walks four feet wide, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections of South 5th street, between Erie street and Prospect street ; except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street "

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill James Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance providing for the opening of South 8th street, through a small gore projecting into said street near the intersection of South 8th and Brunswick streets."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, and laying a flag side walk four feet wide on south side of Railroad avenue, between Grove street and Merseles street."

The ordinance was amended, and the title amended so as to read " An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing guttering, and laying a flag side walk four feet wide on south side of Railroad avenue, between Grove street and Gilbert street."

The ordinance as amended, was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President ; and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in Railroad avenue nineteen feet wide to the

established grade, between Prospect street and Warren street."

The ordinance was amended, and the title amended so as to read: "An ordinance to provide for filling in the north side of Rail road avenue to the established grade, between Prospect street and Warren street, north of the property owned by the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas--The President; and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill James Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays--None.

Absent--Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That Louis B. Cobb, Charles M. Holmes and Thomas Wellwood, be appointed commissioners of assessment, to assess the expense of paving, filling in, &c, of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets.

On motion of Ald Hill, it was

Resolved, That Charles Fink, Charles M Holmes and Thomas Wellwood, be appointed commissioners of assessment, to assess the expenses of paving, etc., Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets.

On motion of Ald Hill, it was

Resolved, That Louis B Cobb, Charles M Holmes and Thomas Wellwood, be appointed commissioners of assessment, to asses the expenses of filling in, etc, Grand street, between Henderson and Grove streets.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was laid upon the table on motion of Ald James:

Resolved, That the finance committee be authorized to advertise for proposals, for a loan of $10 000, for a term not less than ten years—$5000 of the same to be appropriated for the building of the public school house to be erected in the 3d ward, and $5000 for the purpose of erecting fire engine and hook and ladder houses; and report to this board at the regular meeting on the 3d Tuesday of October next.

On motion of Ald Hill his resolution and the amendment thereto of Ald Narine, offered on the 21st instant, in relation to the payment to Thomas W Morehouse of two hundred dollars, for his services as chief engineer of the fire department, were taken up for consideration.

Ald Narine, by leave of the board, withdrew the preambles attached to his resolution.

The question being taken on substituting Ald Narine's resolution for that offered by Ald Hill, the motion to substitute was lost, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Narine Lyon and Tyrrell.

Yeas--Ald Edge and Narine

Nays--The President, and Ald Brower, Hill, James Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent--Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

The resolution of Ald Narine being as follows:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the treasurer, in favor of Thomas W Morehouse, for $200, being in full for money expended, or services rendered as chief engineer of the fire department, previous to the 15th March, 1853, at which time the salary ordinance took effect.

Ald Hill moved to adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Narine, Low and Tyrrell

Yeas--None.

Nays--The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent--Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

Ald Hill's resolution being then before the board, on his motion it was amended by the addition thereto of the words "previous to the 15th March, 1853."

The resolution as amended being as follows:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for two hundred dollars in favor of Thomas W Morehouse, for services rendered in the fire department as chief engineer, previous to the 15th March, 1853:

The resolution was then rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Lyon, Brower and Low:

Yeas—Ald Edge, Hill Low and Narine.

Nays--The President; and Ald Brower, James, Lyon, Miller Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent--Ald Cleveland and Gardner

Ald Low moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald Brower the copy of the minutes of a meeting of firemen of Jersey City, held on the 26th August last, presented and laid upon the table on the 6th September instant, was taken up for consideration.

Ald Brower moved that the communica-

tion be returned to the President and Secretary of the said meeting.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Low, Brower and Lyon.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald Narine.

Absent—Ald Cleveland and Gardner.

On motion of Ald James the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular meeting, October 4th, 1853.

Present—The President and Ald Brower Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, White and Whitlock.

Ald Low, Slater and Tyrrell were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved

Petitions, communications etc. were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of Ephrahim Pray and others, to have South 4th street between Grove and Erie streets, regulated, graded and paved new curb and gutter laid where required and the old curb and gutter reset where required on both sides of said street. Ref to committee on streets.

Petition of William Johnson for a license to peddle crackers in Jersey City. Prayer of the petitioner granted, on motion of Ald Miller

Petition of W H Talcott and L Baun to have the drain in Morris street repaired. Ref to committee on sewers.

Communication from John Sylvester, enclosing the following communications from officers and members of the fire department, viz :

Resignation of John D Nolan, as 2d Assistant engineer of the fire department.

Resignations of 58 members of Engine company No 2 of 28 members of Engine company No 3, of 39 members of Engine company No 4 one member of Engine company No 5, and 27 members of Hudson Hose company No 1.

Resolutions of the firemen which were returned to them by the Common Council on the 27th ult.

On motion of Ald Miller, it was

Resolved, That the resignations be accepted, and that the resolutions returned be not received.

Petition of L R Baily to have the lots and buildings in Greene street numbered. Ref to Joint Committee on Streets and Assessments.

Petition of E Marsh, President of the Morris Canal and Banking company, for the exclusive use of the dock made by said company at the southern part of the city, fronting on the Hudson river and south of the intersection of Hudson and Essex streets. Received and laid upon the table.

Remonstrance of Johnson Hunt and others against the confirmation of the assessment for the filling in of Morgan street. Ref to Committee on Assessments

Petition of Michael Mullone for permission to lay a sidewalk four feet wide in Warren street, on the west side, between Montgomery street and the railroad. Ref to committee on streets.

Resignation of Charles M Holmes, as a member of the Board of Education from the Third ward. Accepted and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of Thomas Newham, $18 ; and Henderson and Wilson, $21 17. Ref to committee on fire and water.

Of Sunday police, $38 ; B F Champney, $39 ; and W A Pollard, $39. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of Drayton & Durant $10 23 , Edward Hope, Jr., $6 75 ; George Ford, $40 86 ; George Ford, $11 ; James Wiley, $8; D C Gardner, $7 50 ; and William Dugan, $112 50 Ref to committee on alms

Of Connelly & Bagley, $10 65; and Henderson & Wilson, $14. Ref to committee on streets.

Of William Eaton, $20. Ref to committee on lamps.

A claim of Van Norden & King for printing pamphlets for water commissioners, in May, 1853, amounting to $60, was presented and ordered paid

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committees afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of city watchmen, $675 65 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $62 50 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $61 74 ; C. H Winfield, $2 85, and Edgar Morris $6.

The committee on watch returned the petitions of James Smith and Thomas Springsteen, to be appointed city watchmen referred to the committee on the 17th May last and also the petition of A A Hardenburg and others for the appointment of Michael McLoughlin as a city watchman, referred to said committee on the 7th of June last

On motion of Ald Lyon the committee were discharged from the further consideration of the said petitions, and the same were ordered filed.

(Ald Slater and Tyrrell appeared and took their seats.)

On motion of Ald Gardner the committee on police and licenses were discharged from the further consideration of the subject of a day police.

The committee on laws and ordinances presented a report on the communication of the board of education, in reference to their

power to build school houses, referred to the committee on the 14th June last; the report stating that the committee concur with the board of education in the opinion that the ordinance organizing said board does not empower them to erect new school houses etc Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

(Ald Low appeared and took his seat)

The committee on finance presented a report on the communication of Joseph Dodd, in relation to property belonging to him, which was sold at a corporation sale in 1839 referred to the committee on the 13th September last—the report setting forth that the committee have discovered among the papers of the late John F Ellis, deceased, formerly city treasurer, the two certificates of sale referred to in Mr Dodd's communication, both marked, canceled, etc; that the committee deem the evidence of the redemption of the lots sufficient, and recommend that the city clerk be authorized to cancel said sales, and file the original certificates, which accompany the report. The report was received and adopted

Ald Hill presented the following entitled ordinances, and the same were laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing guttering, paving, laying cross walks and side walks in Hudson street, from the southerly side of Mercer street to the southerly side of Wayne street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing guttering, laying cross walks and flagging on both sides, Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling, curbing guttering Warren street between Railroad avenue and the south side of Morgan street and that Warren street, from Montgomery to the south side side of Morgan street, be flagged and cross walks laid at the intersections."

"An ordinance to provide for filling, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks, and flagging both sides of South 6th street between Jersey avenue and Grove streets."

(Ald. Edge and Lyon retired)

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred on the 6th September last, the petition of Job Male to have a sewer constructed in Morris street, reported favorably thereon, and submitted an ordinance for the improvement entitled "An ordinance to authorize the construction of a pipe sewer from a point in Morris street distant, easterly from Warren street, two hundred feet, to intersect the brick sewer now laid in Washington street." The report was received, and the ordinance laid upon the table.

The Committee on sewers to whom was referred on the 6th of September last the petition of B O Edge and others, to have a sewer built in Essex street, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and submitted an ordinance for the improvement entitled "An ordinance to authorize the construction of a sewer from the Hudson river through Essex street to Van Vorst street" The report was received and the ordinance laid upon the table

The committee on laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 6th September last a bond of indemnity executed by Daniel Keenan presented a report thereon accompanied by the follwing resolution:

Resolved, That the bond of indemnity of Daniel Keenan, presented to the common council and referred to the committee on laws and ordinances September 6th, 1853, be accepted as a security for the proper performance of the paving in Jersey avenue, and keeping the same in repair for the ensuing five years, and that the usual improvement certificate be granted to him for said work. The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The committee on finance presented a report setting forth that in pursuance of a resolution passed on the sixth day of September last, they have borrowed of the Hudson county Bank the sum of five thousand dollars, in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and that a bond of the city for the payment of the sum borrowed, has been issued payable on the fourth day of April next. Thereport was received, and the committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 21st September last the communication of the assessors in relation to the taxes of the present year, presented a report setting forth that the assessors having assessed, under the direction of the committee on laws and ordinances agreeably to the charter, no further report is required The report was received and the committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 21st September last, the report of the committee on public grounds and buildings on the subject of purchasing lands from Gerrit Smith, on which to erect public buildings, presented a report setting forth that by the charter, the city

cannot increase its debt to the amount which will be required to make the purchase. The report was accepted, and the committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject

The committee on watch presented a report on the charges against William Burke, a city watchman, which were referred to the committee on the 27th September last—the report stating that the committee have examined into the charges, and find them sustained, and recommending the dismissal of William Burke from the watch department,—Report received and adopted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject,

The committee on watch presented a report on the charges against Michael Fallon, a city watchman, which were referred to the committee on the 27th September last—the report stating that the committee have examined into the charges and find them sustained and recommending the dismissal of Michael Fallon from the watch department. Report received and adopted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 27th September last, the petition of John Sylvester for a repeal of the ordinance in relation to the duties of Weigher and Measurer, with instructions to prepare an ordinance in compliance with the prayer of the petitioner, reported an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled 'A supplement to the ordinance entitled of Weigher, and Measurer of Jersey City passed June 21 1844" Report received and ordinance laid upon table.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in relation to lots sold for assessments, and not canceled of record, setting forth that in searching among the papers of the late John F. Ellis, deceased, formerly treasurer of Jersey City, for the certificates of sale of Mr Dodd's property, the committee discovered a large number of certificates of sale for property belonging to various owners, and which appear by endorsements to have been redeemed; the report recommending that the said certificates be obtained, that a list of them be made and filed and that the City Clerk be authorized and directed to cancel them upon the records of the city — Report received, and its recommendation adopted.

The committee on assessments, to whom was referred on the sixth September last, the claim of John Bevan for $125, for surveys, etc. in South 7th street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, returned the same and it was then referred to the committee on streets, by which committee the claim was subsequently reported correct and then referred back to the committee on assessments.

The committee on public health, to whom was referred on the 21st September last, the claim of Edgar Morris for $6, reported back the claim, as too indefinite in not stating locations. The report was accepted.

The following claims presented and referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct for the following amounts, and the same were ordered paid:

Of R and G McLoughlin, $45 32; John O'Neil, 50 cents; L Smith 75 cents; George Morrow, $4 50; Connelly & Bagley, $10 15; Alex. Love, $100; John Corrigan $66 05; W W & L A Pratt, $15 25; George A Tittle, $4 13; Thomas Newham, $32 25; George Morrow $1; Thomas Layland, 40 cents, I Clark, 67 cents; Thomas & Maxwell; $2 37; C H Winfield, $3 09; Joseph Quaife $182-32; E B Wakeman $100; R & J McLoughlin, $76 76; J F Richardson, $20; William Eaton, $60; J F Richardson $4 25; George Ford, $35 45; William Pile, $3 10; James Wilson, $8; James Wilson, $7; Edward Hope, junr. $11 50; Doyle & Brady, $13-25, George Ford, $12; W C Murphy, $21-81, John Howeth, $15 40; Drayton & Durant, $10 89; G S Gardner, $8 50; George Coleman & Co, $12 50; John Crummey, $20 60; James McDonald $15 25; George Conklin, $13 55; D C Gardner, $15; Jacob Erwin, $12 11; Ingham & Hall, $2, and J H Vondy, $5.

The city treasurer's report for September, 1853, showing a balance of five dollars and four cents due to the treasurer on the 1st inst., for excess of payments over receipts, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The City Clerk presented a message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 4th instant, returning without his approval a report recommending that the Board of Education go on with the alterations to school house No. 1.

On motion of Ald Cleveland, the message was received and ordered to be entered at large on the minutes of the common council.

(Ald. Edge and Lyon appeared and took their seats.)

Ald James moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion of Ald. Cleveland was adopted.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Slater, Rapple yea and White

Yeas--The President; and Ald. Brower, Hill, James Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea Tyrrell White and Whitlock.

Nays--Ald Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Narine and Slater.

Ald James moved "that the motion of Ald Cleveland be amended, so as to read "that the Clerk be directed to return the message to his honor the Mayor, as an informal document, for the reason that he has no right to veto the report of any committee of this common council" The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Narine, Slater and James:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower Cleveland, Gardner Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Narine and Slater.

The motion of Ald. Cleveland, as amended by the motion of Ald James, was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Slater, Cleveland and Rappleyea.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Low Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Edge, Narine and Slater.

The Committee on Streets reported as correct the claim of William Moore for $32 50 referred to the committee on the 21st of September last, and of Daniel Keenan, for $3009 71, referred to said committee on the 6th of September last, and the following resolution:

Resolved, That Louis B Cobb, Charles Fink and Charles M Holmes be appointed commissioners to assess the cost and expenses for the improvement of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue. The resolution was adopted, and the claims were referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The committee on police and licenses, to whom were referred the petitions of William H Frazee, presented June 21st, 1853, and William Moore, presented July 5th, 18 3, asking for tavern licenses, reported on the same; the report setting forth that the petitions having been presented previous to the passage of the ordinances now in force, regulating inns and taverns, which requires the names of those who recommend the petitioners to be published, before any action is taken on their petitions, they therefore return the said petitions for the action of the common council. The report was received.

Ald Lyon moved "That the city clerk be directed to publish the petitions in the corporation paper as required by the ordinance regulating inns and taverns and that the committee be discharged from their further consideration."

Ald Cleveland moved to amend the motion so as to make it read "That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their applications"

Ald Slater moved to amend the amendment so as to make it read, "That the city clerk be directed to return the petitions to the applicants, and state as the reason for doing so that subsequently to the presentation of said petitions, the ordinance regulating inns and taverns was passed."

The amendment offered by Ald Slater was rejected.

Ald Cleveland withdrew his amendment.

Ald Lyon's motion was then adopted.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz:

Application to have South 6th street, between Jersey avenue and Grove street, in the Fourth ward, curbed, guttered, sidewalks four feet wide laid, on each side, and bridge stone laid at all the intersections, etc.

Application to have Warren street, from the Railroad to the south side of Morgan street, curbed and guttered; and that Warren street, from Montgomery street to the south side of Morgan street, be flagged four feet wide and the cross streets bridged.

Application to have Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street, regulated, curbed guttered, cross walks laid, and the sidewalks flagged four feet in width, on both sides.

Application to have Hudson street, from the southerly side of Mercer street to the southerly side of Wayne street, filled in to the established grade, paved, curbed and guttered, and sidewalk laid on the westerly side of said street, nine feet wide from the curb stone.

Reports received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk presented the declination by Robert Gilchrist, Jr of the appointment of judge of election in the First ward. Received and ordered filed

Ald. Cleveland offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Board of Education, for twenty

two hundred and fifty dollars, being amount asked for by said Board, for heating, ventilating and fixtures for school house No. 1.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. James, Low and Brower.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. James.

Ald. James offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to ascertain and report at a future meeting, a detailed account of the financial condition of this city on the first Monday of May last, exhibiting therewith a correct balance sheet of its assests and liabilities ; and for that purpose they be authorized to employ a suitable person, or persons, to analyze, restate and balance the accounts of this city, from the time when they were last balanced, up to that date, at an expense of not exceeding five hundred dollars.

[Ald Rappleyea obtained leave and retired.]

On motion of Ald Slater, the petition of Patrick Meer for a license to peddle fruit and vegetables, was taken from the table, and on motion of Ald Low the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

Ald White moved to take from the table the ordinance approving the plan for the general system of sewerage furnished by the water commissioners of Jersey city. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald Slater, his proposed amendment to the rules of order, moved on the 27th ultimo, was taken up for consideration.

[Ald Low and Tyrrell obtained leave and retired]

Ald Slater's amendment to the rules of order was rejected.

On motion of Ald James, the board then adjourned

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council.

Regular Meeting, October 18th, 1853.

Present—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock

Ald Low was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald James.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions communications etc, were presented and disposed of as follows:

The official bond of Stephen Quaife, as collector of arrears of taxes, with Geo. Ford and Henry A. Greene as sureties. Approved and ordered filed.

Objections of George E Grenzeback to the opening etc, of Jersey street into Jersey avenue, at Newark avenue. Ref to committee on streets.

Petition of the Morris Canal and Banking Company for the exclusive use of the dock made by them at the southern part of Jersey city, fronting on the Hudson river and the Morris Canal basin, and southerly from the intersection of Hudson and Essex streets, during the pleasure of the common council.

Ald Hill moved "That the prayer of the petitioners be granted."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Narine, Edge and Miller.

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald James and Low.

On motion of Ald Hill the petition was then referred to the committee on ferries and wharves.

Communication from Phœnix hose company No. 2, notifying the common council of the expulsion from said company of John R Benedict, Luther F Dunham, John Bennett, John Hartford, Gabriel Hartford, Oliver Stringham and Henry Steele.

On motion of Ald Brower the names were ordered to be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

Remonstrance of B W Ryder and others against the confirmation of the assessment for the filling of Morgan street. Ref to committee on assessments.

Petition of John J Wanner and others to have "the ordinance concerning inns and taverns" amended and modified. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Daniel Fielding and others to have the grade of Coles srreet, between South 3rd and South 5th streets, altered. Ref to committee on streets.

Petition of John Smith and others to have the "ordinance concerning inns and taverns" amended and modified. Ref to committee on police and licenses

Petition of Empire Hook and Ladder company No. 1, in relation to their truck house, etc. Ref to committee on fire and water.

Petition of P D Vroom, and twenty six other residents of the first ward, to be organized as a fire company, and to have engine No. 2 placed in their charge.

On motion of Ald Brower the petition was received, and it was

Resolved, That the petitioners be organized as Fire Engine Company No 2, that their certificates of membership be issued to them and that Engine No. 2 be placed in their charge.

Communication from Empire Hook and Ladder company, No 1, notifying the common council of the resignation of Matthew Leonard and John H. Mason as members of said company, and of the expulsion from the same, of Johnson D Narine, Abraham B. Reynolds, George Cummings and L J M Sycoeth.

On motion of Ald Brower, the communication was received, and it was

Resolved, That the names of the expelled members be stricken from the roll of the fire department, and that the proper entries of the resignations be made,

Petition of Sylvester Kenny and others, residents of South Fourth street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street, for permission to set their court yard fences, not to exceed seven feet from the front line of the said street. Laid upon the table on motion of Ald Miller.

Requisition from the board of education for payment of the following claims:

Of Clerk & Bacot, $50; Samuel Anness, $14 56; A Anderson, $75; Lawrence & King, $2 25: and for the salaries of teachers in the public schools for the quarter to end November the 1st, 1853, $1604 25.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the requisition was received, and warrants were ordered to be drawn on the treasurer in favor of the claimants for the amounts respectively named.

Ald Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the name of John L. Burst be

stricken from the petition of William H. Frazee, asking for a licen e to keep an inn or tavern; he, the s id John L. Burst desi.ing the common council to do so.

The resolution was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Narine, Miller and Rappleyea.

Yeas—Ald Cleveland and Slater.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald James and Low.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. Wilson, $8 75; and Henry Stiff, $32 50. Ref to committee on alms

Of W W and L A Pratt, $34, and C H Winfield, $4 Ref to committee on Finance.

Of J F Richardson, $1 75; J F Richardson. $20; J F Richardson, $4; George Morrow, $1 25; George Morrow, $107 31; George Morrow, $126 40, and George Morrow, $141 82. Ref to committee on lamps

Of J F Richardson, $8 10; George Morrow, $5 31; George Morrow, $7 75, and George Morrow, $3 75. Ref to committee on watch.

Of B R Wakeman, $6 63; B R Wakeman, $9 13, and George Morrow, $3 38. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings

Of Henry Stiff, $3. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of A Eagan, $35, and Michael Mallone, $8 31. Ref to committee on streets.

Of Michael Mallone, $7; George Morrow, $1 25, and George Morrow, $3 35. Ref to committee on fire and water.

The committee on streets returned, "as informal," the claim of Connelly and Bagley, amounting to $10 65, referred to said committee on the 4th instant; and a claim of Connely and Bagley for $10 65 was then presented and referred to the committee on streets.

The committee on Sewers returned the communication of W H Talcott and L Baun in relation to the drain in Morris street, referred to said committee on the 4th inst.—On motion of Ald White, the committee on sewers were discharged from the further consideration of the communication, and the same was referred to the committee on public health.

The committe on streets presented a report on the petition of Michael Mullone for permission to lay a side walk in Warren st., referred to the committee on the 4th instant, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

On motion of Ald Hill the report was received, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

Ald Miller from the committee on finance, presented DECLARATIONS OF SALE to purchasers of property at the tax sale of September 15, 1853.

On motion of Ald Miller it was

Resolved, That the DECLARATIONS OF SALE be approved, and that his honor the mayor be requested to execute the same, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the city clerk

Ald Miller, from the committee on finance, presented the assessors' tax list for 1853, and on his motion it was ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

The committee on laws and ordinances presented a report on the petition referred to them on the 21st ultimo, of Dudley S Gregory in relation to the sale by the corporation, on the 15th September last, of lands under water, the report being adverse to cancelling or annuling the sale. Report received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 17th May last the petition of Samuel Annëss respecting the condition of Montgomery street, between Henderson and Grove streets, presented a report setting forth that the street complained of is under contract to be paved. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on streets reported as correct for $224 02, the claim of Daniel Keenan, amounting to $341 04, referred to the committee on the 5th July last. Report received, committee discharged from the further consideration of the claim and the amount, for which the same was reported correct and ordered paid.

The committee on streets presented a statement of the expenditures made by them under appropriations made in favor of said committee accompanied by vouchers. The statement and vouchers were referred to the committee on finance

The committee on alms presented a report setting forth that the contract entered into with Alfred Hallock, for building a store house on the alms house lot, is completed, and accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Alfred Hallock, for three hundred and twenty-seven dollars, that sum being the amount due him as per contract for the erection of Store house on Alms house lot.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on police and licenses, who were instructed by a resolution of the 6th ultimo, to collect of the Jersey City Ferry company the compensation for the services of one of the day police, stationed at the ferry, presented a report, setting forth that the ferry company decline paying any portion of the expense of maintaining said police, until certain regulations are made in respect to the omnibuses and stages, etc

Ald Rappleyea moved "that the report be received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Ald Miller moved to amend the motion by adding the words "and that the resolution passed on the 7th June last, authorizing and directing the committee on police and licenses to employ a day police, be rescinded."

The amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended was also adopted.

The committee on public grounds and buildings presented a report on the petition of Justus Smith and Horace M Smith, referred to the committee on the 27th September last, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Attorney be directed to draw a lease from the City to Justus Smith and Horace M Smith, for three years, of the strip of land, twelve feet wide, extending from the Palisade avenue to the Hoboken turnpike, purchased by the Water Commissioners, and to insert therein a covenant that the said lease shall continue, after the expiration of the said term, until one of the parties shall choose to determine it, by giving six months notice of their intention to do so; and that no rent be charged for the same, but that the lessees shall in said lease agree to fence, and keep the grounds in good order, and pay all taxes and assessments which may become due thereon, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to execute said lease on the part of the City, and the City Clerk to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted

The committee on public health presented a report on the petition referred to them on the 6th September last, of J Houston and others for the abatement of a nuisance in Coles street, between Newark and Railroad avenues, caused by stagnant water; the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the filling in of Coles street as the only proper way of abating the nuisance. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject

The committee on public health presented a report on the petition referred to them on the 2d August last, of Patrick Devine and others for the abatement of a nuisance in Newark avenue, arising from the boiling of fat, keeping of hogs etc.; the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the report be received, and the committee on public health empowered to abate the nuisance.

A communication from his honor the mayor, in relation to the action of the common council at its last meeting, held on the 4th inst, on his message relative to the repairs to Public school-house No. 1, was presented and read.

(Ald Low appeared and took his seat)

Ald Narine moved "That the communication be received and published."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Lyon, Low and Edge.

Yeas—Ald Edge, Narine and Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald James.

Ald Miller moved "That the communication be returned to his honor the mayor."

The motion was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Narine, Edge and Tyrrell,

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock

Nays—Ald Edge, Narine, Rappleyea and Slater.

Absent—Ald James.

The following message, from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 13th inst., was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct: 11th, 1853.

To the Honorable the Common Council :—

Gentlemen—An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in Bright street to the established grade, curbed, guttered and sidewalks flagged four feet wide, between Grove street and Jersey street," is herewith returned without my approval.

Already two ordinances have been passed and approved, embracing all the improvements on Bright street, contemplated by the ordinance now under consideration.

The first, which was approved Sept. 4th, 1851, provided for the filling of said street to the established grade, between Grove and Jersey streets, also for laying crosswalks at Barrow street, and flagging sidewalks four feet wide on the south side of Bright, st. between Barrow and Jersey sts. This work was put under contract on the 10th of the following October, but for some cause a part of it was never executed.

The second was a general ordinance for regulating, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks and flagging said street, approved Oct. 14th, 1852.—The work to be performed under this ordinance was properly advertised and awarded to the lowest bidder, and a contract entered into: but the contractor never proceeded with the work, further than to deliver a portion of the materials on the ground. I have adverted to the foregoing facts not only to show that the ordinance before me is unnecessary and uncalled for, but that the desired improvement maybe proceeded with at once, either under the contract already entered into, or by canceling the same and by advertising for new proposals for said work.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

(Ald Rappleyea obtained leave and retired)

The following message, from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 13th inst., was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct. 12th, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:—

I herewith return without my approval an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, paving, laying flag sidewalks four feet wide, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections of South Fifth st., between Erie street and Prospect street, except that part lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street."

The ordinance before me is embraced in a single section, which merely orders the work described in the above title to be done; but no provision whatever is made for its execution, nor any provision made to assess the property benefitted for the costs and charges that must be incurred in carrying out the contemplated improvement.

The omission of these important provisions in the ordinance must prevent the performance of the work under it, and thereby fail to secure the object for which it was intended.

I therefore return the document without my signature that it may receive your early, legal and final action, and with the hope that a proper ordinance may be perfected for the desired improvement, and the work performed under it, without any unnecessary delay.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 18th instant, was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be directed to ascertain and report at a future meeting, a detailed account of the financial condition of this city on the first Monday of May last, exhibiting therewith a correct balance sheet of its assets and liabilities; and for that purpose they be authorised to employ a suitable person, or persons, to analyze, restate and balance the accounts of the city, from the time when they were last balanced up to that date, at an expense of not exceeding five hundred dollars.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct. 18th, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:—

I have received, and return herewith without my approval, a resolution directing the finance committee to ascertain and report a detailed account of the financial condition of the city, and authorising them to employ, for that purpose, a suitable person, or persons, at an expense not to exceed $500.

Without going into a detailed statement of the loose state in which our financial accounts seem to be, and which must result from carelessness, or great remissness on the part of the officers sworn to attend to them, I shall give my reasons very briefly for withholding my sanction from this resolution.

I have heretofore signed a resolution appropriating fifty dollars for the employment of a competent book keeper to assist and aid in examining or analyzing and adjusting the accounts of the comptroller and treasurer: but I have yet to learn that this sum has been expended, or even an effort made to employ a book keeper under the direction of the resolution.

I have heretofore returned with my objections a resolution authorising the finance committee to employ at any expense a suitable person, irrespective of the comptroller, to write up the financial books of the city, which resolution and objections are still undisposed of by your Honorable Body, while I am now called upon to approve another having precisely the same object in view. These objections were filed with the city clerk in the latter part of April of the present year, and have not as yet been properly acted on by your Honorable Body. The reasons which induced me to withhold my signature from that resolution apply with equal force to the one under consideration, and I respectfully refer you to that message, as well as the charter and the ordinances prescribing the powers and duties of the comptroller. If those duties have not been properly discharged, and such would seem to be the case from the passage of so many resolutions, the remedy can in all cases be applied at once by your Honorable Body in removing a defaulting officer, when found to disobey the ordinances prescribing his duties. In case of such removal, and his work left unperformed, let it be executed at once under the supervision of his successor in office, but at the cost of the defaulting officer and his securities. The appointing power would be highly censurable if the public treasury is to be impoverished by continuing delinquent officers in office, without exacting proper reparation from them or their sureties; and if this course should be pursued, the fifty dollars already appropriated will correct, analyze and bring forward the nineteen or twenty old balances, as well and correctly in my opinion as would $500. The comptroller, who has the sole custody of the financial books, is bound as well by his oath, as by the ordinances defining his duties to keep the books promptly written and posted up, ready to deliver to the finance committee at every regular meeting of the Common Council.

It may be as well to add that there has been no evidence produced before me that the comptroller either desires or would permit any interference with his books by any but sworn officers of the city government. If the financial accounts of the city are in such a condition that the comptroller requires assistance to adjust them, the request should come from that officer, and as he is solely responsible for the care and condition of the books, they should be written up in his office and under his supervision, and by parties entirely within his control. If any other course was to be pursued, and the Common Council to interfere with his prerogative, his sureties would be released from their responsibility, and no blame for errors subsequently discovered would attach to him. It is not my province or duty at this time to enter into a detailed account of the situation of the Books, but will lend my aid if desired, at any proper time, and sanction any reasonable measure that will speedily place

the financial books in a correct and proper condition

I therefore return the resolution for your further consideration and action.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Lyon moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald James and Rappleyea.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation notices, viz:

"Confirmation of assessment for filling in of Morgan street, between Warren and Prospect streets"

"Application to have Jersey street, in the 3rd Ward, opened, so as to run into Jersey avenue at Newark avenue, by such course as may be deemed expedient by the common council; and also, to have Jersey avenue, in the 4th ward, altered and widened on the westerly side, so as to make Jersey street and Jersey avenue run into each other in such convenient manner as the common council shall deem expedient."

And also, reports of publication of the applications of William H Frazee and William Moore, for licenses to keep inns and taverns Reports received and ordered filed.

A communication from the first assistant engineer, notifying the common council of the election of William Gopsill, and of the resignation of Jacob Brown, as members of Protection engine company, No 5, was presented; and on motion of Ald Brower it was

Resolved, That the election of William Gopsill be approved, his name enrolled as a member of the fire department, and the usual certificate of membership be issued to him; and that the proper entry of the resignation of Jacob Brown be entered on the roll book of the fire department.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Jersey City Union be, and is hereby appointed one of the corporation papers, to publish the minutes and other proceedings of the common council of Jersey City, and to receive payment on the same terms as the Telegraph paper now does for corporation printing.

On motion of Ald. Edge the resolution was laid upon the table

Ald Hill offered the following resolution;

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for twenty-five dollars, in favor of Horatio Read, for one quarter's salary (from May first to August first) as acting Chief Engineer of the Fire department.

Ald Edge moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

Ald Tyrrell offered the following resolution;

Resolved, That the committee on Laws and Ordinances be instructed to prepare and report at the next regular meeting of the Common Council, an Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, passed by this Common Council, Aug. 2nd, 1853, and approved by His Honor the Mayor, August 18th, 1853.

The resolution was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken at the call of Ald Narine, Slater and Cleveland.

Yeas—Ald Edge Gardner, Low, Miller, Narine, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald James and Rappleyea.

Ald Brower offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That an election for chief and second assistant engineers of fire department be held on Monday, the 31st instant.

On motion of Ald Hill the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Louis B Cobb was appointed a member of the board of education from the third ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Chas. M Holmes.

The rules of order having been suspended for the purpose of enabling the board to audit claims, the following, referred to committees at previous meetings, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of J H Ludlum, $146 81; Hugh Billingsley, $60; William Eaton, $20; George Morrow, $123 70; Drayton & Durant, $10 23; D C Gardner, $7 50; Edward Hope, jun., $6 75; William Dugan, $112 50; George Ford, $40 86; George Ford, $11; ann James Wiley, $8.

Ald Miller offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the coming election for state and county officers be held in the several wards of this city, at the several places of holding the last city election.

Ald Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor, the resolution authorizing the committee on finance to have the financial books of the city written up, was rejected at the present meeting of the common council.

The motion was adopted, and the motion reconsidered was then laid upon the table.

The committee on lamps returned the claim of George Morrow for $2 50, referred to them on the 21st ult., and the same was referred to the committee on lamps.

On motion of Ald White, the following

entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to authorize the construction of a sewer from the Hudson River through Essex street to Van Vorst street."

On motion of Ald White the blank was filled by the insertion of the names of David B. Wakeman, James S Davenport, and Henry M Traphagen.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald James and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald White, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz;

"An ordinance to authorize the construction of a pipe sewer, from a point in Morris street, distant, easterly from Warren street, two hundred feet, to intersect the brick sewer now laid in Washington street."

On motion of Ald White the blank was filled, by the insertion of the names of James S Davenport, David B Wakeman, and David Bedford.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald James and Rappleyea

Ald Lyon moved to adjourn The motion was lost

The Committee on lamps presented a report on the petition of C A Yerington and others, referred to the committee on the 27th September last, asking to have a lamp placed on the corner of South 2nd street and Jersey avenue, and in South 2nd street, west of Jersey avenue, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the corner of Jersey avenue and South 2nd street, and also one in South 2nd street, two hundred feet west of Jersey avenue, under the direction of the committee on lamps.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Ald Hill, it was

Resolved, That a lamp be placed in Wayne street, near Varick street, under the direction of the committee on lamps

Ald Hill moved "That a lamp be placed on the corner of Jersey street and Railroad avenue, under the direction of the committee on lamps."

On motion of Ald Narine, the motion of Ald Hill was referred to the committee on lamps

The committee on police and licenses reported adversely to the payment of the three claims of John Mallon, amounting to $1 50 each; referred to the committee on the 14th June last, the same having been previously paid. The reports were received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald Narine, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Common Council

A special meeting of the Common Council was held at the City Clerk's office on Friday evening, Oct. 21st 1853, pursuant to a call of his honor the Mayor, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a communication from the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent at roll call—The President ; and Ald Gardner and Low.

The President and Ald Gardner subsequently appeared and took their seats.

In the absence of the President, Ald Slater was appointed President *pro tem.*

In the absence of the City Clerk, Ald James was appointed City Clerk *pro tem.*

A communication from his honor the Mayor, stating the object of calling this meeting, was received and read.

A communication from the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company was received and read, stating that in virtue of their act of incorporation, and the supplement passed by the last Legislature of New Jersey, they propose to extend additional tracks, diverging from the present tracks, near Warren street, and running easterly down Wayne street, to the northerly side of the present depot premises of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad : and requesting this Common Council to refer the foregoing matter to the committee on streets and to the street commissioner, that said company may enjoy the benefit of their advice and counsel in the construction of the tracks in such manner as to impair as little as practicable the use of Wayne street.

The President appeared and took his seat, but requested Ald Slater to continue to act as President during the evening

Ald Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the communication from the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, just read, be referred to the committee on streets, and that Ald Miller and James be added to said committee.

After discussion, Ald Hill asked leave to withdraw the above resolution, which was agreed to by general consent.

Ald James offered the three following resolutions -

Resolved, That the communication of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, just received, be referred to the committee on streets, to report upon the expediency of permitting said company to lay their tracks through and along Wayne street, with instructions to obtain from said company a map or plan of the contemplated improvements, and to submit the same to a future meeting.

Resolved, That the committee on laws and ordinances be instructed to report at a future meeting, whether the New Jersey railroad and transportion company possess any right or power under their charter, or any of the supplements thereto, to lay their tracks upon and along any of the public streets of this city, and for that purpose said committee be authorized to take the advice of legal counsel, and submit the same with their report.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to publish a notice in the corporation paper, that the said communication has been received; and that this common council will meet on the first Tuesday in November next, to receive and act upon any objections that may be offered thereto.

Ald Gardner appeared and took his seat.

Ald Miller offered the following as an amendment to the three resolutions of Ald James.

Strike out all after the first word, "Resolved," and insert "that the communication of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation company be referred to the committees on streets and laws and ordinances; provided nothing in this reference shall be so construed as to give or imply any consent on the part of this common council to the use of the street, as indicated in the communication : and for the only purpose of enabling said committee to ascertain if the said company have a right to appropriate by any means or authority, the use of the street to railroad purposes, beyond the mere right of crossing said street; and whether the common council have any right to grant the use of the street for a railroad, to the prejudice of the owners of property bounding on said street, and of the public generally; and if so, whether it is expedient for the common council to do so, and for this purpose that said committee have liberty to employ legal counsel."

At the call of Ald Betts, Brower and Edge, the yeas and nays were taken on Ald Miller's amendment. And Ald. Betts, Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleya, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock voted in the affirmative.

Ald James voted in the negattve.

Ald Low was absent.

So the amendment of Ald Miller was adopted, and the original resolutions asamended was then passed.

On motion of Ald Edge, adjourned.

THOS. W. JAMES,
City Clerk, *pro tem.*

Common Council.

Regular meeting, November 1st, 1853.

Present—The President; and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Low.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc, were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of William G Murray for leave to put a drain under part of the Public Square in Grand street to connect with the sewer in that street. Prayer of the petitioner granted, the work to be done under direction of the committee on public grounds and buildings.

Petition of Diligent Hose company No 3 for a new hose carriage. Ref to committee on fire and water.

Petition of J C Brautigan for permission to build a drain to connect with the sewer in York street. Ref to committee on sewers.

Communication from Daniel Keenan in relation to the contracts for street improvements, which have been completed, and for which he has not received improvement certificates. Ref to committee on assessments

Remonstrance of John D Ward, against the granting of permission to the N J Railroad and Transportation Company, to lay railroad tracks in Wayne street. Ref. to joint committee on streets, and laws and ordinances.

Petition of J S Towar and others to have permission granted to the drivers of omnibuses to take passengers to their respective homes when they do not reside on the regular omnibus routes. Ref to committee on laws and ordinances with instructions to report an ordinance to meet the wishes of the petitioners.

Petition of Thomas S Doremus and others against the repeal of the ordinance concerning inns and taverns, approved August 18th, 1853 Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Remonstrance of A W McClure and others against the granting of a tavern license to William H Frazee. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Remonstrance of Henry E Insley and others against the granting of a tavern license to William Moore. Ref to committee on police and licenses

Petition of William M S Garrison and others to have the license granted to William Johnson to peddle crackers, revoked. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Bond of William Pile, as city auctioneer, executed by J E Cronham and Jasper Wandle as sureties. Approved and ordered filed.

The Aldermen from the First ward, to whom was referred on the 6th September last, the petition of J. M. Cornelison and others for the appointment of William Reen as a city watchman, returned said petition, and were discharged from its further consideration.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Daily Telegraph, $170 75. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of William Eaton, $17. Ref to committee on lamps.

Of John F Richardson, $8. Ref to committee on watch.

Of Sunday policemen, $47 50, William A Pollard, $26 25; and John Ayres, $26 25. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of Michael Schilleen, $2; S Quaife, $12 50, and J B Stone, $25. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of John F Richardson, $8; Geo. Ford, 37 81; George Coleman & Co, $13 25; George Ford, $9; George Duncan, $7, William Dugan, $40 and John Crummey, $19 05. Ref to committee on alms.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of George W Cassedy, $187 50; Albert T Smith, $74 34; E B Wakeman, $62 50; George E Cutter, $112 50; Lorenzo Jaquins, $250; D Bedford, $250; Isaac S Miller, $27 12; D S Gregory, $210; Daily Telegraph, $100; George W Cassedy, $12 80: Alfred A Lutkins, $73; Nathaniel Ellis, $41 61; William Whitley, $100; George Morrow, $1 69; Jasper Wandle, $62 50; City Watchmen, $675 26; Fidelity Division, $37 50; J F Richardson, $20: Patrick Burns, $1 50; and Ann Tiernan, $3.

The following claims and accounts, presented and referred to committees at previous meetings of the board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of B R Wakeman, $6 63; Benjamin F Champney, $38 25: George Morrow, $2 50; Henry Stiff, $3; Sunday Policemen, $38: William A Pollard, $38 25; John Andrews, $1 50: A Eagen, $35; J Wilson, $8 75; Michael Mullone, $8 31; Connolly & Bagley, $8 79; George Morrow, $1 25; George Morrow, $4 35: Michael Mullone, $7; Thomas Newham, $18; Hender-

son & Wilson, $21 17; George Morrow. $5 11; W W & L A Pratt, $34; C H Winfield $4; George Morrow, $3 38; Francis S Brettell $5 25; George Morrow, $3 38; B R Wakeman, $9 13: Geooge Morrow. $107 31; George Morrow,$ 141 82; J F Richardson, $20, J F Richardson, $4: J F Richardson, $1 75; Geo Morrow, $7 75: George Morrow, $3 75; J F Richardson, $8 10; George, Morrow $5 31: and George Morrow. $126 40.

The committee on lamps, to whom was referred on the 18th instant the claim of George Morrow, amounting to $1 25, for oil for city prison, returned the same; the committee were discharged from its further consideration, and the claim was then referred to the committee on police and licenses

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of committee on police and licenses, on the petitions of John Smith and others, and John B Pae and others, referred to said committee on the 18th ultimo, asking for a modification of the ordinance regulating inns and taverns, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners. Report received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of committee on fire and water, on the petition of empire hook and ladder company No 1, in relation to their truck house, etc, referred to the said committee on the 18th ultimo, accompanied by a written opinion of the city attorney on the subject of the chief engineer's salary. Report accepted, and commitee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of committee on finance, on the city treasurer's report referred to them on the 6th September last, and on the report of that officer referred to them on the 8th ultimo; the reports of the committee setttng forth that the treasurer's reports are correct. Reports of the committee accepted, and the treasurer's reports ordered filed.

Of committee on finance on the report of the committee on public grounds and buildings in relation to the expenditures made by them for celebrating the 4th July 1853; referred to the committee on finance on the 6th September last; the report setting forth that the account is correct, and recommending that the comptroller be instructed to credit the committee on public grounds and buildings with the amount of the expenditure $368 35, and file the vouchers. Report received, and recommendation adopted.

Of committee on fire and water, to whom was referred on the 16th August last, the petition of Engine Co No. 4, for alterations to their engine; the report stating that a resolution to have said engine altered was passed on the 7th April 1853. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

Of committee on fire and water, on the subject of a fire alarm bell; stating that the cost of purchasing and erecting such bell will be $1400. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on finance, presented a list of cancelled certificates of sale, found among the papers of John F Ellis, deceased, formerly city treasurer, and which have been filed in the city clerk's office. The list was ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

The committee on streets presented seventeen proposals received for contracts for street improvements, in answer to the advertisement of said committee for such proposals

On motion of Ald Hill the proposals were opened and read, and found to be from the following persons, viz;

John Corrigan, John Arbuckle, William A Cumming, B W Ryder, and Charles G Sisson.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution in relation to said proposals, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the proposals for the improvement of Jersey street, Barrow street, Coles street, south side railroad ave., between Grove street and Mill street, York street, Railroad avenue, between Warren street and Newark avenue, Grand street, between Jersey street and the Mill Creek, and Morgan street, between Green street and Grove street, which have been received by the committee on streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the common council, be referred to said committee, with authority to contract with the bidders for said work, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so

Ald Hill from the committee on streets, presented the following entitled ordinances, and the same were laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering, and paving, South Fifth street, between Erie street and the Hudson river, except that portion lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curb, gutter pave, lay cross walks and flag side walks four feet wide in Grand street, from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove street,"

The committee on streets presented a report on the petition of Ephrain Pray and others, referred to the committee on the 4th October last, asking to have South Fourth street, between Grove and Erie streets, regulated &c., recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and submitting an ordinance for the said improvement, entitled "An ordinance to provide for regulating grading, paving, curbing, guttering, and resetting curb and gutters where necessary, in South Fourth street, between Grove and Erie sts." Report received, and ordinance laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Narine it was

Resolved, That George W. Edge, David Gould, and William Coleman, be appointed Commissioners of assessment, to assess the expenses of filling Steuben street, from Washington street to Prospect street, in place of Thomas Wellwood, Charles Fink and Charles M. Holmes who decline to act.

On motion of Ald Narine it was

Resolved, That David B Wakeman and James Flemming be appointed commissioners of assessment to assess the expense of paving, flagging, filling in, etc, of Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Newark avenue, in the place of Samuel Wescott and Joseph Clowes, who have not qualified.

Ald Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the certificates of improvement be issued under the direction of the finance committee, in favor of Daniel Keenan, in sums of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars each, for paving, filling in, flagging, etc, of Jersey avenue, between South 2d street and Newark avenue, amounting to $ 9,778 57

For filling in, e.c. of Grand street, between Henderson & Grove streets, amounting to 1,164 57

For filling etc, of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, amounting to 1,523 62

For paving of Grand street, between, Warren and Van Vorst street, amounting to 224 57

For paving, filling in etc, of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, amounting to 1,057 31

For filling in of South 8th st., between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, amounting to 1,974 95

For paving, etc, of South 7th street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, amounting to 3,009 71

$18,733 30

That his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the city clerk be authorised to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken;

Yeas—The President; and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Low.

The city treasurer's report for October, 1853, showing a balance in the treasury on the 31st ultimo, of seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and forty two cents, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A communication from the assistant captain of the Sunday police, recommending the payment to Daniel McNamara of twelve dollars or more for damages sustained by him in his clothing while in the discharge of his duty as a Sunday policeman, was presented and referred to the committee on police and licenses

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 1st November instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council;

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for twenty-five dollars, in favor of Horatio Reed, for one quarter's salary, from May 1st to August 1st, as acting chief engineer of the fire department

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct. 31, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I herewith return, without my approval, a resolution authorizing a warrant to be drawn in favor of Horatio Reed, for one quarter's salary, ending August 1st, 1853, for services as acting chief engineer. During the whole period embraced in the resolution, with perhaps the exception of nine or ten days, the late chief engineer performed his official duties, and I believe with entire satisfaction to the department. He tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 20th of July, near the end of the first quarter of the current year, and prior to that date, a new election was ordered, and the late chief re-elected, and his election approved by your honorable body on the 19th of the same month; for

some cause however, he did not qualify within the 20 days, as required by the charter, and the office thereby became vacant. Therefore, that officer and no other could be justly entitled to the salary for the period he continued in office, and until he vacated the office. The salary of the first assistant could not begin to run, unless, therefore, the late chief engineer releases the city from its liability for his salary. I am unable to perceive how Mr. Reed, as proposed by the resolution, could receive this amount for duties which it is evident he has not performed, and for which he cannot prefer any just or legal claim.

I therefore return the paper for your reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Miller moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald James, Lyon, Miller and White.

Nays—Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Low.

A communication from his honor the mayor, enclosing a memorial of John D Ward in relation to the intention of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation company to lay down rails in Wayne street, was presented. The communication was received, and the memorial referred to the joint committee on streets and laws and ordinances.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz:

Application to have South 4th street, between Grove and Erie streets, regulated, graded and paved, and new curb and gutter laid where it is required, and the old curb and gutter re set where requitted on both side of said street, etc.

Application to have a sewer constructed in conformity with the plan recommended by the water commissioners, being a continuation of the sewer now petitioned for in Essex street, commencing at the intersection of Essex and Van Vorst streets, from thence running northerly along the centre of Van Vorst street to Grand street, thence westerly along the centre of Grand street to Bright street, thence westerly along the centre of Bright street to the Mill creek, with the necessary collateral sewers in York street, between Jersey avenue and Barrow street, thence extending southerly along Barrow to Bright street, with all the necessary receiving basins, culverts, flushing apparatus, etc

The reports were received and ordered filed.

The committee on public grounds and buildings submitted sealed proposals received by them for the contract to build an engine house in Essex street.

On motion of Ald Lyon the proposals were opened and read. They were found to be from William Bumsted, to do the masons' work, and from William Roosevelt, to do the carpenters' work.

On motion of Ald Narine it was

Resolved, That the proposals for building an engine house in Essex street, just opened and read, be referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings, with instructions to make a contract with the bidders for said work, if the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

A communication from the first assistant engineer of the fire department, notifying the common council of the election of John Morris and William H Tufts as members of Diligent hose company No 3, was presented, received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald Brower it was

Resolved, That the election of John Morris and William H Tufts be approved, that their names be enrolled as members of the fire department, and that the usual certificates of membership be issued.

The official statement by the board of canvassers of the late election for chief engineer and second assistant engineer of the fire department, showing that a majority of votes were cast for Samuel A French for chief engineer, and for Robert H McCleary for second assistant engineer, was presented, received and ordered filed.

Whereupon, on motion of Ald Brower, the election of Samuel A French as chief engineer of the fire department was approved and confirmed, and Robert H McCleary was appointed second assistant engineer of said department.

Ald James offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be directed to advertise according to law, that all lands and premises upon which any tax or assessment is now due and remaining unpaid to this city (the same having been lawfully demanded) will be sold at public auction, on Wednesday, the first day of February next, at twelve o'clock, (noon) at the clerk's office, in Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald James offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on finance be directed to cause the account books of this city to be posted, written up, and balanced. to the time of the commencement of the office of the present comptroller; and for that purpose they have authority to engage the services of any competent person or persons, at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Narine, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the board to appoint *viva voce*. two watchmen from the First Ward to fill the vacancies occasioned by the dismissal of William Burke and Michael Fallen ; and on motion of Ald Narine, Daniel Calhoun and Joseph H Fairbanks were appointed such watchmen

Ald Brower presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the fire and water committee for seventy eight dollars and fifty three cents, that beingthe amount expended in reparing engine house No 1.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Gardner offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on police and licenses be authorized to appoint one or two day policemen, until an ordinance organizing a day police shall be in force, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day each, said policemen to be under the direction of the Recorder, and police committee. The resolution was laid upon the table.

Ald Tyrrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on laws and ordinances be instructed to prepare and report to the next regular meeting of this common council, an ordinance to repeal an ordinance concerning inns and taverns.

The resolution was not adopted ; the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Lyon, Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald Edge, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President ; and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald Low.

On motion of Ald Hill the following resolution, presented and laid upon the table on the 18th ultimo, was taken up for consideration :

Resolved, That the Jersey City Union be, and is hereby appointed one of the corporation papers to publish the minutes and other proceedings of the common council of Jersey City, and to receive payment on the same terms as the Telegraph paper now does for corporation printing.

On motion of Ald Hill, the resolution was amended by striking out the words " publish the minutes and other proceedings of the common council of Jersey city," and inserting in their place the words " do all the printing of the common council of Jersey city, except publishing the minutes and manuals."

Ald Narine offered the following preamble and resolution, as a substitute for the resolution of Ald Hill :

Whereas, The compensation to be allowed to the corporation paper for advertising, etc., has been fixed by the salary ordinance for the present year; and no election for printer having been made by the present board ; Edge and therefore be it

Resolved, That this board do now proceed to the appointment of a corporation printer.

The preamble and resolution were substituted for the original resolution by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken at the call of Ald Narine, Lyon ;

Yeas—Ald Edge, Gardner, James, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon, Miller and White.

Absent—Ald Low.

The substitute was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Narine, Lyon and Edge.

Ald Brower and Edge were appointed tellers, and the board then proceeded to ballot for a corporation paper, without effecting a choice.

The result of the ballotings was as follows:

First Balloting.

The Daily Telegraph received six votes.

The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser received five votes.

The JerseyCity Union received four votes.

Second Balloting.

The Daily Telegraph received five votes.

The Jersey City Union received 5 votes.

The Sentinel and Advertiser received 5 votes.

Third Balloting.

The Daily Telegraph received six votes.

The Jersey City Union received 5 votes.

The Sentinel and Advertiser received 4 votes.

Fourth Balloting.

The Daily Telegraph received six votes.

The Jersey City Union received 5 votes.

The Sentinel and Advertiser received 4 votes.

On motion of Ald Miller the further balloting for a corporation paper was dispensed with.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the corner of Jersey street and Railroad avenue, also one on the corner of Washington and Morgan streets, under the direction of the committee on lamps. The resolution was adopted.

(Ald Edge retired.)

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table;

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, paving, laying crosswalks and sidewalks in Hudson street, from the southerly side of Mercer street, to the southerly side of Wayne street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken;

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge and Low.

(Ald Edge appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table.

An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks, and flagging on both sides Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrel, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Low.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table.

"An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled a supplement to the ordinance entitled, of weighers and measurers of Jersey city, passed June 21, 1844."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended, passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald Brower, Cleveland and Edge.

Absent—Ald Low.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the committee on laws and ordinances be instructed to draft and present an ordinance regulating the manner in which the gas company shall be permitted to lay their gas pipes in this city.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, November 15, 1853.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Hill was appointed President, *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows.:

Petition of Stephen Garretson and others to have lamps placed at the corner of South Fourth street and Jersey avenue, South Fourth street and Coles street, and South Fifth street and Coles street, in the Fourth Ward. Ref. to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Patrick Martin in relation to a notice served upon him by the Street Commissioner, directing the removal of a building alleged to be upon Morgan street; the petitioner asking that the building may be allowed to remain where it is. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Communication from John D. Ward on the subject of the proposed laying of Railroad Tracks in Wayne street, for the accommodation of the Erie Railroad Company. Ref. to Joint Committee on Streets and Laws and Ordinances, to be reported upon with the other papers referred to them relating to the same subject.

Communication from Walter Rutherfurd, Esq., late City Attorney, accompanied by a copy of the report made to the Chancellor of New Jersey by the Master in Chancery, to whom was referred the case of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Co., against the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City. Ref. to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Communication from Charles Fink, Charles M. Holmes, and Thomas Wellwood, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment of the expense of filling Steuben street, from Washington to Prospect street, setting forth that they have not declined to act as such Commissioners, and assigning their reasons for not having presented a report and map of such assessment.

Ald. Narine moved "That the communication be received and laid upon the table." The motion was not adopted.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the communication was received and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Petition of Cornelius Van Vorst to have that portion of Jersey street, lying between Mercer and Grand streets, or so much thereof as is not already completed, curbed and guttered. Ref. to Commitee on Streets.

Petition of A. W. Camp and others to have a four feet flag side-walk laid down on the southerly side of Mercer street, between Barrow and Jersey streets. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Francis R. Hill to have sunken lots on the north side of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Coles street, filled up. Ref. to Committee on Public Health.

Notice from Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, of the expiration, on the 19th inst., of the Policy of Insurance, on lots Nos. 62 and 64 York street, belonging to this Corporation. Ref. to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Petition of Robert C. Bacot and others, for the construction of a sewer in South Fifth or Gilbert street,from Coles street to discharge into Hudsonthe River, at Prospect street, according to the plan of sewerage recommended by the Water Commissioners of Jersey City; and also a lateral sewer in Jersey avenue, between South Fourth and South Fifthstreets, to connect with the same.

On motion of Ald. White, it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice, through the Corporation Paper, that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, in this city, on the first Tuesday in December next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., at which time they will receive and consider any objections which may be presented in writing to the improvement asked for by the petitioners.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, notifying the Common Council of the election of Charles Van Brunt, as a member of Protection Fire Engine Company No. 5; of the election of Alexander Striker, Cornelius Morrison, Julian P. Chazotte, Jasper Wandel, Joshua A. French, Francis Boon, Henry French, John Prine, Michael English, John Welch, Thomas English, Thomas Murray, and William Sanderson, as members of Liberty Fire Engine Company No. 1; and of the resignation of Samuel McLaughlin and William Schully, as members of Liberty Fire Engine Company No. 1.

On motion of Ald. Brower, it was

Resolved, That the communications be received, the elections approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership issued by the City Clerk; and that the proper entries of the resignations be made by the City Clerk in the Roll Book of the Fire Department.

Invitation from Fire Engine Company No. 1, to attend their Fourteenth Annual Ball at the Hudson House, on the 21st instant.

Invitation accepted.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Randall & Co., $4 50; Ingham & Hall, $1 38; and W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $23. Ref. to Committee on Alms.

Of L. C. Lyman, $8. Ref. to Committee on Assessments.

Of Ingham & Hall, $2 25. Ref. to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Of A. Barmore & Co., $17 88. Ref. to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Narine & Co., $24; Narine & Co., $5; Narine & Co., $8; Robert B. Kashow, $2 06; Robert B. Kashow, $1 75; W. W. & L. A. Pratt, $5; W. W. & L. A. Pratt, $1; L. A. Pratt & Co., 75 cents; Daily Telegraph, $3 25; Daily Telegrph, $1; Daily Telegraph, 75 cents; Jersey City Union, $1; James Gopsill, 84 cents; James Smith, $764 45; J.F. Richardson, $7 50: Beekman Van Buren, $19 50; J. Boyce, $46 50; J. & I. G. Boyce, $20; William Howe, $104 28; Thomas Newham, $9 50, and V. D. & E. W. Plum, $25 92. Ref. to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of C. H. Winfield, $127 50. Ref. to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of Perrine & Chilver, $3 33; P. W. McKensie, $11 24; P. W. McKensie, $3 56, and Perrine & Chilver, $69 98. Ref. to Committee on Sewers.

Of Jeremiah Casey, $1 13. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Of John Sylvester, $50, and Edgar Morris, $175. Ref. to Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections, subsequently reported correct; the rules suspended for the purpose, and the claims ordered paid.

Of William Eaton, $20 Ref. to Committee on Lamps; subsequently reported correct, the rules suspended for the purpose, and the claim ordered paid.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts, respectively, the rules were suspended for the purpose, and said amounts were ordered to be paid:

Of Michael Schulleen, $2; J.B. Stone, $25; J. F. Richardson, $8; George Morrow, $1 25; Sunday Policemen, $47 50; George Coleman & Co., $13 25; Day Policemen, $52 50; S. Quaife, $12 50; Daily Telegraph, $170 75; George Duncan, $7; John Crummey, $18 92; George Ford, $9; William Dugan, $40; John F. Richardson, 75 cents, and George Ford, $37 31.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 4th October last, the claim of Henderson and Wilson, for flagging north side of Railroad avenue, near Grove street, amounting to $14, reported that the bill has been settled by Jacob Irwin. Report accepted and claim ordered filed.

Reports of Committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Committee on Streets, on petition of Daniel Fielding and others, to have the grade of a part of Coles street altered, referred to the Committee on the 18th October last; the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, by temporarily altering the grade of Coles street, between South Third and South Fifth streets. Report received, and Committe discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of Committee on Streets, on the communication of George E, Grenzeback, referred to the Committee on the 18th October last, objecting to the opening, etc., of Jersey street into Jersey avenue, at Newark avenue; the report setting forth that Mr. Grenzeback had been notified to appear before the Committee, and had failed to do so, and asking that the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject. Report received, and Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of Committee on Streets, accompanied by the following resolution on the communication of the President of the Board of Water Commissioners, referred to the Committee on the 17th May last, on the subject of numbering the houses in the city; the report recommending that the houses be numbered, etc.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be, and are hereby instructed to have all the houses in Jersey City numbered, and the names of all the streets and avenues painted on boards and placed on every corner of every street and avenue in said city, and that they be authorized to employ suitable persons to do the same.

The report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Of Committee on Streets, on the subject referred to them on the 5th July last, of the suit of John Arbuckle against the city, arising out of the matter of the paving of Railroad avenue; the report setting forth that the Committee have examined the subject, and are of opinion that Mr. Arbuckle has no legal claim against the city.

Report received, and Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of Committee on Fire and Water, on the petition of Diligent Hose Company No. 3, referred to the Committee on the 1st inst., asking for a new carriage; the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that said carriage be built under the direction of the Committee on Fire and Water, at a cost not to exceed three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

Of Committee on Police and Licences, on the communication of the Assistant Captain of the Watch, referred to them on the 1st instant, on the subject of the claim of Daniel McNamara for damages done to his clothing while in the discharge of his duty as a Sunday Policeman; the report recommending that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Daniel McNamara, for the sum of twelve dollars, that being the amount of damage sustained by him in his clothing. Report received, and recommendation adopted.

Of Committee on Sewers, on the petition of J. C. Brautigan, referred to them on the 1st instant, asking permission to build a drain to connect with the sewer in York street; the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the work be done under direction of the Committee on Sewers.

Report accepted, and Committee discharg-

ed from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald. James, from the Committee on Finance, presented five Declarations of Sale to purchasers of property at the adjourned corporation sale for taxes on the 1st November instant.

On motion of Ald. James it was

Resolved, That the Declarations of Sale be approved; that they be executed by his Honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

The Committee on Streets presented contracts with Barzillai W. Ryder, for the regulation, &c., of Morgan street, from Grove to Greene street; with John Corrigan, to fill in the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets; with Barzillai W. Ryder, for regulatitig, &c., of Coles street, from South Second to South Fourth streets, and with John Arbuckle, for regulating, &c., Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contracts with Barzillai W. Ryder for the filling, curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks and flagging the side-walks four feet wide, in Coles street, between South Second and South Fourth streets; with Barzillai W. Ryder, for filling up Morgan street, between Grove and Greene streets; with John Corrigan, for filling up the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets, north of the property of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, to the established grade; and John Arbuckle, for paving, laying cross-walks and flagging side-walks in Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets, presented by the Committee on Streets, be approved; and when executed by said Barzillai W. Ryder, John Corrigan and John Arbuckle, that they be executed on the part of this Corporation by his Honor the Mayor, and the seal of the city be affixed to each of said contracts by the City Clerk.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Streets returned the proposals for street improvements, referred to them on the 1st instant, which have been rejected, and the same were ordered filed.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments presented the assessment for the regulation of Jersey Avenue, between South Second street and Newark avenue; and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald Narine offered the following resolution in relation to such assessment:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' report and map for the regulation of Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Newark avenue, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in December, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments presented the assessment for the regulation of Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Newark avenue; and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald Narine offered the following resolution in relation to such assessment.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' report and map for filling in of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in December, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented n writing.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea, from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, presented contracts with William Bumstead for doing the masons work, and with William Roosevelt for doing the carpenters work of the Engine House in Essex street, together with the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the contracts with William Bumstead for doing the masons work, and with William Roosvelt for doing the Carpenters work, of the Engine House in Essex street, presented by the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings at the present meeting of the Common Council be approved, and that they be executed by his Honor the Mayor on the part of the City, and that the Corporation Seal be affixed to each one of the same by the City Clerk, and that the bonds which accompany the said contracts be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald. Miller retired.)

A communication from his Honor the Mayor, notifying the Common Council of the suspension of Joseph Smathurst one of the City Watchmen, together with the charges upon which the suspension was grounded, was presented and referred to the Committee on Watch.

The following message, from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 15th inst., was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council, and published therewith:

Resolved, That certificates of improvement be issued under the direction of the finance committee, in favor of Daniel Keenan, in sums of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars each, for paving, filling in, flogging, etc., of Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Newark avenue, amounting to

$9,778 57

For filling in, etc., of Grand street, between Henderson and Grove

streets, amounting to	1,164 57
For filling, etc.. of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, amounting to	1,523 62
Fo paving of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst street, : mounting to	224 57
For paving, filling in, etc., of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, amounting to	1,057 31
For filling in of South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswich street, amounting to	1,974 95
For paving, etc., of South 7th street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, amounting to	3,009 71
	$18,733 30

That his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the City Clerk be authorized to affix the seal of the city thereto.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Nov. 14, 1853.

Gintlemen of the Common Couucil:—

I have received, and return without my approval, a resolution authorising, under the direction of the finance committee, improvement certificates to be issued in favor of Daniel Keenan, for some $18,700, for regulating Grand, Montgomery, South Seventh and South Eighth streets, and Jersey avenue.

I find, on examination, that no assessment has been confirmed for any of the above named improvements, nor the work accepted by the Common Council, in the manner provided by the charter, therefore the issuing improvement certificates to the contractor for the whole amount of his work could only be done in violation of the agreement entered into between him and the city. The agreement stipulates that the contractor may receive in payment for his work "improvement certificates," in sums not less than $500 each, as the work progresses, but provides that one third of the whole amount that shall accrue upon his contract for materials and labor shall be served on the part of the city for security, and for which certificates shall not be issued," until the said work is completed and accepted by the Common Council

You will, therefore, at once see the obvious propriety of withholding my signature from the resolution under consideration.

D. S· MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The resolution was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Low and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President and Ald. Miller.

The following Message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 15th instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council and published therewith.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to cause the account books of this city to be posted, written up and ballanced, to the time of the commencement of the office of the present Comptroller; and for that purpose they have authority to engage the services of any competent person or persons, at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Nov. 15, 1853.

To the Honorable Common Council:

I return, Gentlemen, without my approval, a resolution directing the Finance Committee to have the books of the city written and posted up, and ballanced to the time of the commencement of the office of the present Comptroller, and for that purpose they have authority to engage the services of any person or persons at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars. ($500.)

I am entirely at a loss to conceive upon what ground your Honorable Body should suppose that I would give my official sanction to this resolution, when I have already returned, with my objection, two resolutions of a purport precisely similar. I surely have never been so inconsistent in my official course, as to lead to the supposition that I would sign a paper of this kind, with the recollection that not more than a month has elapsed since I returned one of similar character.

I will not now recapitulate your former action upon this subject—it must be familiar to your Honorable Boby—nor will I now repeat the reasons which induced me to withhold my signature before. It is sufficient for the purpose of the present message to state, that I consider your action directly at variance with the ordinances establishing the office, and prescribing the duties of Comptroller, and as such, it can never receive my sanction. The financial condition of our city is, perhaps, without a parallel in the history of cities, for I do not believe that in any city in this country such a state of things exists, as that the Comptroller, the highest financial officer, has been in office nearly four months without having possession of the books of his office—and yet such is the fact with reference to Jersey City, and that a remedy ought to be promptly applied, there can be no doubt; but it must be done legally to be effectual. The Comptroller of the city is not only a sworn officer, but gives security for the faithful performance of his duties, and surely it will scarcely be conceded that the duties have been faithfully performed, when four months are suffered to elapse after the expiration of his term of office and his books, it is said, not yet written up, at least not delivered to his successor. Nor yet has the present incumbent officially re-

ported to the Common Council, as required by the ordinance defining his duties, the delinquency of his predecessor (if such be the case) or of any other financial officer.

From my personal knowledge of the state of the books of the city, I am enabled to affirm that at no time, since the new charter went into operation, have they exhibited the correct condition of our finances, whether as to indebtedness or resources. That such a state of things should exist, is really discreditable to a prosperous and growing city, and shows, in my judgment, a great disregard of some of the most important duties of public officers. When the office of Comptroller was first established, some two years ago, and that officer appointed, he then proposed at his own expense, and did secure the services of C. C. Marsh, Esq., an accomplished accountant, to open properly the books of his office; this was refused, and the Common Council authorized the late City Treasurer to open the books, under the direction of the Finance Committee, and place them properly in the hands of the first Comptroller, at an expense of $75. The work was done, but the books did not represent the true state of the financial accounts of the city, which was principally owing to some twenty old balances not being properly analyzed and brought into the new books. This omission could still be corrected at a very trifling expense, and it is quite immaterial whether these old balances properly brought forward, should appear at the top or bottom of the pages in the Comptroller's ledger.

The ordinances prescribing the duties of Comptroller are explicit in requiring the financial books of the city to be correctly and properly written and posted up, for the information of the Finance Committee, and the ledger ready, if required, to deliver to them, at every regular meeting of the Common Council, and I presume no one will undertake to say, that duty has ever been performed by the Comptroller, nor exacted by any Finance Committee.

The books should be kept promptly written up, and the face of the ledger should show at all times our true financial condition, and if the late Comptroller, who has received, and is to receive a salary, for the performance of duties, which he has evidently neglected, does not at once deliver his books properly and accurately written up, the present officer should demand them, and cause them to be written up, either at his expense or that of his sureties. For my own part, I can never give my sanction to a proposition to pay Five Hundred Dollars, or any other sum, for the employment of a person to discharge the neglected duties of a public officer who has given bonds to perform his duties faithfully, and whose securities are liable for his neglect. A resolution directing or authorizing such a course would meet my prompt approval, and I trust that a due examination of this subject, by your Honorable Body, will convince you that it is the only proper course to be pursued, and not as the present resolution indicates, by holding out a premium to negligent officers, and encouraging others in a similar omission of duty.—The present comptroller should, in my judgment, at once take possession of his official books and vouchers, and ascertain correctly as to the indebtedness of the city at the time of his accession to office, which can be done very readily, and at a small expense, and he would then be enabled to bring his books up to the present time correctly, and with little delay.

The subject is one of vast importance to our city, and I trust your renewed consideration, will result in such proper measures as will prevent the recurrence of similar and discreditable difficulties.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Lyon moved, "That the resolation do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Hill, James, Low and Lyon.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President and Ald. Miller.

The President *pro tempore* presented a note addressed to the President of the Board by his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from F. H. Dykeman, Esquire, of the city of Brooklyn, claiming damages from this Corporation for injuries done to the horse of Mr. John McLeer, in Montgomery street; and a notice from the New York Fre and Marine Insurance Company, of the expiration of Policy of Insurance on property of this Corporation.

Mr. Dykeman's communication was referred to the Committee on Law and Ordinances: and the notice from the New York Fire and Marine Insurance Company was referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, with power.

(Ad. James obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That certificates of improvements be issued under the direction of the Finance Committee, in favor of Daniel Keenan, in sums of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars each, being on account for two-thirds of his bills, for the following improvements, viz:

For paving, filling in, flagging, etc., of Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Newark av.,	$6,519 05
For filling in, etc., of Grand street, between Henderson and Grove streets, amounting to	776 38
For filling in, etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, amounting to	1,015 75

For paving of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorrt streets, amounting to	149 72
For paving, filling in, etc., of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, amounting to	704 88
For filling in South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, amounting to	1,316 63
For paving, etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, amounting to	2,006 47
	$13,488 88

That his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the City Clerk be authorized to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The total for said improvements amounted to $13,733 30; the balance remaining, being one-third, is $6,244 42 to be reserved, as per contract, until after the confirmation of the assessments.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Miller.

By request of Ald. Miller, Ald. Brower presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee, to consist of five members of this Board be appointed for the purpose of suggesting and preparing such necessary amendments to the City Charter as the present exigencies of the city require, and that the same be presented to a future meeting of Common Council for consideration, and that said committee do cause the proper notice to be published according to law, of an application to the next Legislatore for a corresponding amendment of the City Charter.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Miller, Low, Rappleyea, Narine and Tyrrell were appointed by the Chair as such Committee, to which the President *pro tempore* was added as a member of the Committee on motion of Ald. Slater.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized and instructed to have trees and plants set out in Van Vorst square, and the trees in the squares at the junction of Washington and Grand streets, trimmed; provided that the same be done at an expense not to exceed the sum as one hundred dollars.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the public square at the junction of Washington and Grand streets, shall be hereafter known and designated as Washington Square,

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be authorized to collect from the Board of Water Commissioners, one hundred dollars, due for the use of a house on alms house lot, and that the committee be allowed to appropriate the same to the furnishing and fitting up the attic story of the store house connected with the alms department, to be used as a female hospital.

On motion of Ald. Low the petition of William H. Frazee, for a license to keep an inn and tavern, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That a license be granted to William H. Frazee to keep an inn and tavern, as asked for in his petition."

The motion was adopted; the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Gardner, Slater and White.

Absent—The President; and Ald. James and Miller.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the petition of William Moore, for a license to keep an inn and tavern, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Rapdleyea moved "That the license be granted as asked for in the application of William Moore."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Hill, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, Narine and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Lyon, Slater and White.

Absent—The President; and Ald. James, and Miller.

Ald. Narine moved to reconsider the vote by which Ald. Rappleyea's motion was rejected.

The motion to reconsider was not adopted: the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald, Narine, Rappleyea, and Edge.

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Hill, Low, Narine, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Lyon, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President; and Ald. James and Miller.

Ald. Edge presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to repeal a part of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance concerning inns and taverns."—Approved August 18th, 1853. The ordinance was laid upon the table, under the requirement of the city charter.

Ald. White moved to take from the table the following ordinance entitled, viz:

"An ordinance approving the plan for the general system of sewers furnished by the Water Commissioners of Jersey City." The motion was not adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That a warrant be

drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Wm. H. Frazee, for ten dollars, as a remission of the fine imposed upon him by the Recorder for a violation of the ordinance regulating inns and taverns."

Ald. Slater moved to amend the motion by adding, as a condition, "that the fine be remitted, provided Mr. Frazee shall take out his license." The amendment was rejected.

The motion of Ald. Rappleyea was adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Narine, Rappleyea, and Low.

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Low, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Brower. Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon and Slater.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Miller.

Ald. Low moved "That the Board adjourn." The motion was not adopted.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the following resolution, laid upon the table on the 1st instant, was taken up and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police and Licenses be authorized to appoint one or two day policemen, until an ordinance organizing a day police shall be in force, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day each, said policemen to be under the direction of the Recorder and Police Committee.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the Board adjourn."

The motion was not adopted.

On motion of Ald. Edge the Board proceeded to ballot for a Corporation Printer.

Ald. Gardner and Low were appointed tellers.

The result of the ballotings was as follows:

First Balloting.

The Jersey City Union received five votes.

The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser received five votes.

The Daily Telegraph received two votes.

One blank was cast.

Second Balloting.

The Jersey City Union received five votes.

The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser received five votes.

The Daily Telegraph received three votes.

On motion of Ald. Gardner the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk,

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, December 6, 1853.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Cleveland was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, Ald. Narine was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from John Arbuckle, stating his inability to procure a sufficient quautity of flag stone three inches thick, with which to complete his contracts with the city, and proposing to reduce the price for which he will do the work contracted for, if the Common Council will allow him to use flag stones two inches thick. Ref. to committee on streets, with authority to make such arrangements with Mr. Arbuckle as they deem expedient.

Communication from the New York and Erie Railroad Company, asking for permission to lay a Railroad track, for the use of said company, through Mercer street from Greene street to Hudson street. Laid upon the table.

Petition of John Pratt and others, for such action on the part of the Common Conncil as will enable the petitioners to aid in carrying into effect the "Ordinance regulating inns and taverns." Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Stephen W. Smith and others, for the removal of the buildings now encroaching upon and encumbering the south-easterly corner of Grove and Morgan streets. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Thomas D. Jordan, to have the intersection of Barrow and Bright streets paved and crosswalks laid. Ref. to committee on streets.

Invitation from "American Association" to attend their first annual ball, in honor of American Chapter No. 6, of Jersey City, to be held at the Hudson House on the 14th instant. Invitation accepted.

Petition of William Bumstead and others to have Bay street filled up five feet above the meadow, for the distance of two hundred and fifty feet east of Prospect street, and the side-walks flagged four feet in width on both sides of said street. Ref. to committee on streets.

Communication from Jacob Weart, Esq., as atty. for John R. Lawyer and Sarah A. Lawyer, claiming damages for injuries sustained by them by falling into an aperture at the corner of Newark and Jersey Avenues, made for the purpose of laying down water pipes. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

(Ald. Cleveland appeared and took his seat.)

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows.

Of McGuigan & Nugent, $28 82; Hugh Billingsley, $20; and Hugh Billingsley, $20. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of McGuigan & Nugent, $6 09; and J. B. D. Van Doren, $4. Ref. to committeee on fire and water.

Of Louis B. Cobb. $7. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of George Morrow, $7 43; and J. F. Richardson, $8. Ref to committee on watch.

Of Ingham & Hall, $3 94; John Crummey, $23 77; George Ford, $12 50; Morrell & Vanderbeck, $16 49; S. Billington, $6; Woolsey & Clark, $7 31; Woolsey and Clark, $7 14; J. Wilson, $4 50; J. Wilson, $7; Drayton & Durant, $41 36; Edward Hope, Jr., $10; L. Jones, $54; and George Ford, $41 94. Ref to committee on alms.

Of Hiram Gilbert, $15. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of A. O. Zabriskie, $200, and E. B. Wakeman, $300. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of Daniel Keenan, $57 30. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of R. & J. McLaughlin, $16. Ref. to committee on streets; subsequently reported correct, and then referred to the committee on assessments.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of James S. Nevius, $125; Geo. Morrow, $150 89; R. & J. McLaughlin, $87 07; J. McDonald, $20; Hugh Billingsly, $20; Geo. Morrow, $1 25; William Eaton, $20; Stowell & Conger, $9; McGuigan & Nugent, $4 94; Special Police, $14; Nathaniel Ellis, $45 69; Sunday Police, $38; Morrell & Vanderbeek, $3 75; Special Police, $5; Alexander Love, $400; Morrell & Vanderbeek, $1 50; J. F. Richardson, $20, and City Watchmen, $674 15.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts, respectively, and the said amounts were ordered paid.

Of C. H. Winfield, $127 50; Wm. Howe, $104 28; P. W. McKenzie, $11 24; Henry Stiff, $32 50; Wm. Eaton, $2; Jeremiah Casey, $1 12 1-2; P. W. McKenzie, $3.56; Ingham & Hall, $2 25; James Gopsill, 84 cents; W. W. & L. A. Pratt, $1; W. W. & L. A. Pratt, $5; Robert B. Kashow, $2 06; Jersey City Union, $1; Narine & Co., $24; Narine & Co., $8; Narine & Co., $5; Robert B. Kashow; $1 75; Daily Telegraph, $3 25; Daily Telegraph, 75 cents; L. A. Pratt, & Co., 75 cents; J. Boyce, $46 50; J. & G. Boyce, $20; Daily Telegraph, $1; Thos. Newham, $9 50; Beekman Van Buren, $19 50; N. D. & E. W. Plum, $25 92; J. F. Richardson, $7 50; Perrine & Chilver, $3 33; and Perrine & Chilver, $69 98.

The following report was presented by the Joint Committee on Streets and Laws and Ordinances, received, and together with the accompanying opinion of Judge Nevius, ordered to be published in the minutes of the Common Council, and the resolution annexed to the report was adopted:

To the Common Council of Jersey City:

The joint committee, consisting of the Committee on Streets and the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred the application of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, relative to their laying down Railroad tracks in Wayne street, from Warren street to the northerly side of the Paterson depot, together with the resolutions of the CommonCouncil passed, touching the same, beg leave respectfully to report.

That after conferring together upon the subject matter referred to them, and after hearing the argument of John P. Jackson, Esq., the superintendent of said company, your committee concluded to avail

themselves of legal counsel upon the subject, as authorized by the resolution. They accordingly applied to Hon. James S. Nevius for his legal opinion in writing, relative to the several questions submitted, which opinion they beg leave herewith to submit to the consideration of the Common Council, together with the following resolution:

J. D. MILLER,
J. SLATER,
S. HILL,
GEO. S. GARDNER,
W. WHITE.

Nov. 15, 1853.

Resolved, That in view of the legal opinion of Hon. James S. Nevius, herewith submitted, any further action of the Common Council upon the subject referred to said joint committee is unnecessary, and that said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company on the 21st of October last presented their memorial to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, setting forth that in order to afford full facilities to the several railroad companies passing by their route, to and from the city of New York, they propose to extend additional tracks, diverging from the present tracks near Warren street, and running easterly, down Wayne street, to the northerly side of the present depot premises of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Company—and that said facilties might be afforded with as little inconvenience as possible, in the use of Wayne street, the memorialists requested that the matter might be referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner, for their advice in the construction of said tracks, so as to impair as little as possible the ordinary use of said Wayne street.

Whereupon the said Mayor and Common Council resolved that the said communication be referred to the Committee on Streets and Laws and Ordinances; provided, that in such reference no consent of Common Council to the use of said street, as indicated in said communication, shall be esteemed as impliedly given, but only that said Committee ascertain if the said Railroad Company have a lawful right to appropriate the said street to railroad purposes, beyond the mere right of crossing it. And whether the Common Council have any right to grant the use of said street to the prejudice of owners of property bounded thereon, and of the public generally, and if so, whether it is expedient for Common Council to do so, and that said Committee have liberty to employ legal counsel.

The Chairman of said Committee, in pursuance of said memorial and resolution, having presented to me the said memorial and resolution, and asked my opinion on the questions referred to them.

I beg leave to state to the Commmittee that I have carefully examined the charter of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, and all the supplements thereto, and find that by the 6th section of the original charter, it is made lawful for the Company to construct any branch railroad to any ferry on the Hudson river, opposite the city of New York, to which the main line of said railroad shall not be located.

The main line of said company's railroad, I understand, terminates in ' street, on the Hudson river, and as I am not aware of any ferry at the eastern extremity of Wayne street, on the Hudson river, this section will not authorize the Company to construct such branch road until such new ferry shall be established.

But by a supplement to their charter passed on the 16th of February, 1853, the Company was authorized "to extend their road by additional tracks, and to construct and enlarge their depots, car and engine houses, and other improvements on their road, and at the Hudson River, as might be necessary for furnishing ample accomodations for transportation and ferriage of passengers and merchandise, and to give full facilities to the increasing business of the several railroad companies passing, or to pass to and from the city of New-York."

I find it to be so. I assume that the Company have certified their acceptance, in the form prescribed by the third section of this supplement act, and if so, I am of opinion that they have by virtue of this act, the right to lay down and construct additional tracks north of their present station on the Hudson River, if in their opinton the business of the roads referred to in the act last mentioned requires it, and that they are the judges of such requirement.

The next question presented by the Committee is, "whether in the construction of such track or tracks, the Company have a right to appropriate *the use* of this street for other purposes than merely crossing it. The 12th section of their charter enacts that they may construct "their said railroad across, or upon any road or highway, if the same be necessary, but shall restore such road or highway to such state or condition as not to impair its usefulness."

By the term road or highway, I include also a street, in a town or city, and am of opinion that the Company had, under this section, the right to construct their main road upon a street, as well as across it, provided they did not impair its usefulness—and the same power extends to their contemplated additional tracks under the supplemental act, above mentioned, with the like qualification. Although the act of 1853 does not in express terms confer the power of constructing these additional tracks across, or upon the streets in Jersey City, I think the power, with the limitation above mentioned, exists in the company by clear implication. This act is to be construed in connection with the original charter. All statutes on the same subject are to be construed together. These additional tracks could not be made over private lands by the company, if resisted by the owners, without resorting to the powers conferred by the charter.

The next inquiry is "whether the Common Council have a right to grant, the use of the street for a railroad, to the prejudice of the owners of property bounded on said street, and of the public generally."

There is no such power given to the Common Council by express grant, nor have they such power by application. In examining the charter of Jersey City, I find that the power of the Common Council in regard to streets, extends to laying out and establishing, regulating, sewering, establishing the boundaries, paving, grading and gravelling them, to prevent and remove all encroachments, incumberances and muisance upon the same, to regulate the speed and running of engines and cars through the city, and in every other respect to secure to the public and the adjoining owners, the safe and convenient use of

the streets for the purposes for which they are laid out and dedicated, and to declare by general law what shall be considered as nuisances in streets, and enforce their removal.

Such are their powers to protect, and not to prejudice adjacent owners on the public in that use of the streets for which they were set out and designed. Whatever works or injury to private or public right become a nuisance, and the Common Council have no right to create one themselves, or grant to another the right or authority to create one.

Yet these powers, rights, and duties of the Common Council to protect the citizens in the enjoymunt of their property and the use of the public streets, are not inconsistent with the right conferred by the Legislature upon the Railroad Company, to construct their railroad in the ihe public street, for that right is granted upon the express condition, that the Company shall "restore such street to such state, as not to impair its usefulness."

If Common Council should by resolution or ordinance, confer upon the Railroad Company the right to lay their track in the public street, it would confer no new power, nor would it relieve the Company from the duty imposed on them, not to impair their usefulness. Such an act might amount to a declaration that, in their opinion a railroad track in a public street was not a nuisance or obstruction, and did not impair its usefnlness.

In regard to the expediency of passing such an ordinance, I have no opinion to express, as I think that matter should be left wholly to the discretion of Common Council.

JAMES S. NEVIUS.

Jersey City, Nov. 11, 1853.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 1st November last, the City Treasurer's report for October, 1852, reported the same as correct. Received and ordered filed.

Ald. Miller, from the committee on finance, presented declarations of sale of property, at the tax sale of November 1st, 1853.

On motion of Ald. Miller, it was

Resolved, That the declarations of sale be approved; that they be executed by his Honor the Mayor, and that the corporation seal be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

Ald Miller, from the committee on laws and ordinances, presented the following entitled ordinances, which were laid upon the table under the requirements of the city charter, viz:

"An ordinance to regulate the laying down of gas pipes in the streets of Jersey City."

"An ordinance, amending an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to omnibus and stage drivers, approved February 13th, 1853."

"A supplement to an ordinance entitled, "Of weighers and measurers of Jersey City, passed June 21, 1844."

Ald Hill presented the contract of Daniel Keenan with the city, for regulating Bright street, from Grove street to Jersey avenue, made in June last, and on motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That said contract be cancelled, Mr. Keenan desiring to be released from the fulfilment of it, for the reason that he has been unable to obtain from the City the grade of said street and the proper facilities for executing said contract.

The vote on the adoption of the resolution being as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Hill, Rappleyea and Lyon:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Hill, from the Committee on Streets, presented sealed proposals, accompanied by the required bonds, for contracts for street improvements, received by said committee in answer to advertisement made by the committee for such proposals.

On motion of Ald. Hill the proposals were ordered to be opened, and were found to be as follows:

Of Daniel Keenan, for the contract to regulate Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and the intersection of Newark avenue.

Of Daniel Keenan, for the contract to fill in, curb, and gutter, lay cross walks, flag sidewalks four feet wide on Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street.

Of Alexander Wilson, for the contract to regulate, curb, gutter, lay cross walks, and flag the sidewalks four feet in width, in Bright street, between Grove street and Jersey street.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution in relation to said proposals:

Resolved, That the proposals for the improvement of Prospect street, from Railroad avenue to Bay st., Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and the intersection of Newark avenue, and Bright street, between Grove and Jersey streets, which have been received by the Committee on Streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the Common Council, be referred to said committee, with authority to contract with the bidders for said works, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the street committee be and are hereby authorized to alter the contract with Barzillai W. Ryder, for the improvement of Morgan street, from 62 1-2 cents per cubic yard, for filling in sand and earth, to 40 cents per cubic yard, for filling in with coal ashes, provided all the parties interested in said street agree to the same.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine from the committee on assessments, presented a certificate of Clerk & Bacot, City Surveyors, setting forth that John Arbuckle is entitled to receive improvement certificates, to the amount of seven thousand dollars, on account of his contract for work and materials on Erie street, between Pavonia Avenue and Michigan or South 9th street.

Ald. Narine presented the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for seven thousand dollars, in sums of five hundred dollars each, being on account of his contract for work and materials for paving, &c., of Erie street, between Pavonia Avenue and South 9th street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The Surveyors certificate and the resolution were referred to the committee on streets.

The Committee on Lamps presented a report and the accompanying resolution, in reference to the petition of Stephen Garretson and others, for lamps in the Fourth ward, referred to the committee on the 15th November last.

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the corner of South 4th street and Jersey avenue; also one on the corner of South 4th and Coles streets, and one on the corner of South 6th and Coles streets, under the direction of the committee on lamps.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Watch presented a report on the communication of his Honor the Mayor, enclosing charges made against Joseph Smathurst, one of the City Watchmen, referred to the committee on the 15th November last, the report setting forth that the committee find the charges fully sustained, and recommending that said Joseph Smathurst be removed from the watch department. The report was received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald Lyon moved "That Joseph Smathurst be dismissed from the Watch Department, for the reason that he was found drunk while on duty as a City Watchman."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner. Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald James and Low.

The City Treasurer's report for November, 1853, showing a balance in the Treasury on the 1st of December, inst., amounting to seven dollars and seventy five cents, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 29th ultimo, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the committee on streets be, and are hereby instructed to have all the houses in Jersey City numbered, and the names of all the streets and avenues painted on boards, and placed on every corner of every street and avenue in said city, and that they be authorized to employ suitable persons to do the same.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Nov. 28, 1853.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen, I have received and return without my signature, a resolution instructing the committee on streets, "to have all the houses in Jersey City numbered, and the names of all the streets and avenues painted on boards and placed on every corner of every st., and avenue in said city, and that they be authorized to employ suitable persons to do the same."

The work proposed by the resolution is in my judgment premature, and if executed at this time must incur not only a heavy, but in all probability a useless expenditure.

The Common Council have contracted with John Bevan, late City Surveyor, to execute from accurate survey a new and general map of Jersey City, "showing every block and lot with its number," according to a system of street numbers, which he agrees in said contract to prepare and establish, and all the said work to be examined and approved by competent judges, and accepted by the Common Council before any money is to be paid on account of the contract. I am informed that the contractor has performed a great part of the work, and is waiting instructions from the Common Council in relation to it. The time for the completion of said map has long since expired. The importance of the work in my judgment requires that immediate measures should be taken to secure its faithful and early execution, and thereby, among other things, establish a uniform and permanent system of street numbers, in the place of the present intricate and irregular ones, and until your Honorable body shall establish some uniform and satisfactory plan of street numbers, I could not lend my sanction to a work involving so great an expenditure, and of such doubtful utility as that contemplated by the resolution under consideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland. Hill and Miller.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President; and Ald. James and Low.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 29th ultimo, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized and instructed to have trees and plants set out in Van Vorst square, and trees in the squares at the junction of Washington and Grand streets, trimmed; provided that the same be done at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Nov. 29, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:—

The resolution adopted by your Honorable Body on the 15th inst., authorizing and instructing the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to have trees and plants set out in Van Vorst square, etc., provided that the same be done at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, is returned herewith without my sanction.

I have heretofore returned with my objections a resolution of similar purport, which directed the same committee to plant and enclose in boxes, the trees in and around said square, etc. The reasons which induced me to return that resolution apply with like force to the resolution before me, and to which I would respectfully direct your attention.

Among other things directed to be performed by ordinance, the charter says: "To make and lay out all streets, squares, and public grounds, upon all and every part of said premises, and to establish such as

have already been laid out; and for planting and protecting shade trees, and from time to time to regulate the same." It must be apparent to every unprejudiced mind that the resolution directly invades this plain provision of the Charter; and the contemplated work can only be legally executed under the authority of an ordinance. With this brief view of the matter, I return the resolution for reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Lyon moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted; the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yea—Ald Cleveland.

Nays—Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald James and Low.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 29th ultimo, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police and Licenses be authorized to appoint one or two day policemen, until an ordinance organizing a day police shall be in force, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day each, said policemen to be under the direction of the Recorder and Police Committee.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Nov. 28, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I herewith return, unapproved, a resolution authorizing the Committee on Police and Licenses to appoint one or two day policemen, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day each, and said policemen to be under the direction of the Recorder and Police Committee.

This resolution conflicts so directly with the charter, that it can only be necessary to refer to one or two of its provisions to satisfy the most incredulous of the fact. The only power conferred upon your Honorable Body by the charter for the establishment of a day police, will be found in the 42nd Sec, which requires it to be done by ordinance.

The resolution before me proposes to delegate the appointing power to a certain committee, while the charter requires that every officer appointed under it, shall receive at least nine concurring votes. The police thus raised by the resolution are to be under the sole control and direction of the Recorder and Police Committee. The charter confers no such power even by ordinance, but places the control of the police elsewhere.

I am aware that a resolution was adopted by your Honorable Body some time ago, and which has since been rescinded, directing the Police Committee to employ or hire two of the regular constables, until an ordinance organizing a day police should be in force. That resolution was very different from the one under consideration, it directed the employment of two peace officers, whose powers and duties are established and defined irrespective of the charter or Common Council. I have merely adverted to the former resolution to show that it was proper and competent to the object for which it was intended, while the one before me conflicts in divers ways with the charter, and if carried into effect, the officers deriving their appointment under it, could not perform officially a legal act.

Under these circumstances I return the resolution without my signature, with the full assurance that no unbiased member of your Honorable Body, on a reconsideration, would have justified me in any other course. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent — The President; and Ald James and Low.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, endorsing a communication from Daniel Keenan, in relation to the tearing up the pavement on Jersey avenue, without his knowledge or consent, protesting against said act, and stating that he does not consider himself liable under his bond of indemnity for the same. Ref. to committee on streets.

A communication from the City Attorney, announcing the termination in favor of the city of the suit for the recovery of Coles square, was presented and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The Semi-Annual report of the Recorder to November 1st, 1853, was presented and referred to the committee on police and licenses.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices:

"Confirmation of Assessment for filling in of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets.

"Confirmation of Assessment for the regulation of Jersey Avenue, between South 2d street and Newark avenue.

"Application to have a four feet flag side walk laid down on the southerly side of Mercer street, between Barrow and Jersey streets.

"Application to have that portion of Jersey street, lying between Mercer and Grand streets, or so much thereof as is not already completed, curbed and guttered. The reports were received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, announcing the election of James Bailey, George W. Gaul, Spencer Filfe, and John Dexherman, as members of Phœnix Hose Company, No. 2; and of James Gilkinson and Samuel Hetherington, as members of Diligent Hose Company, No. 3.

On motion of Ald. Brower it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership be issued.

Ald. Rappleyea presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the regulating and embellishing the Public Squares." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to a select commit-

tee, consisting of one Alderman from each ward, and the President pro. tem., to confer with the Water Commissioners in respect to the progress of the work in their charge, and to enquire into the proceedings of the Board of Water Commissioners, and make a detailed rerort of all matters relating to the subject, that they may deem of interest to the citizens, with as little delay as possible.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Hill, Miller, Slater and Gardner were appointed as such committee.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, An act of the legislature of the State of New Jersey, passed at its last session, relative to the Fire Department of Jersey City, provides that after a fireman shall have served ten years as such he shall be entitled to a certificate of the Common Council, certifying to such service, upon which certificate he is entitled to a certain exemption from jury duty, etc., therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water procure a design for such a certificate, and when such design shall be approved by the Common Council, said committee procure the same to be engraved upon a steel plate, at an expense not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings, for the sum of $1000, to be appropriated to the building of Engine House No. 2, under resolution for that purpose, passed on the 15th Nov. last.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Slater, Rappleyea and Lyon.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Slater.

Absent—The President; and Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant for forty-five dollars and fifty cents be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, being the amount paid by said Committee to the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, for premium on seven thousand dollars, insured to The Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, by policy No. 8325, to expire November 19th, 1854. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings for five dollars, being the amount paid by said committee to the New York Fire and Marine Insurance Company, for the premium on five hundred dollars, insured to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, until the 26th November, 1854, under policy No. 28086.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant for eighteen dollars and thirty-five cents be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings, for further appropriation for payment of claims incurred in celebrating the fourth of July last; that being the amount expended above the appropriation made for that purpose.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea presented plans and specifications for a Hook and Ladder house, and the following resolution:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a house for Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, herewith submitted be approved, and that the committee on public grounds and buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for building such house, provided the estimates shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Ald. Miller moved to refor it to the committee on fire and water. The motion was not adopted.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Treasurer of the Fire Department Fund Association, for one hundred dollars, in accordance with 16 section of an ordinance to establish, regulate and control the Fire Department, which provides that the Common Council shall on or about the first day December, annually make an appropriation for the benefit of the Funds of the Association.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald, Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the Common Council are requested to leave their manuels of the Common Council proceedings, upon their desks at the close of each meeting, and that the Marshal be directed to take charge of the same, and as soon as the the manuels of subsequent meetidg shall be printed, that it be his duty to attach to each manuel one copy of such proceedings.

The resolution was not adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized and requested to offer a reward of three hundred dollars for such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons that cut the hose attached to the engines, during the fire in Newark avenue on the morning of the 3rd inst.

Ald. Slater moved to amend the resolution by striking out "three hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof "one hundred dollars." The amendment was not adopted.

Ald. Lyon moved to amend the resolution by striking out "three hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof "two hundred dollars." The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That J. V. Brower have permission to cut down a tree on the corner of Wayne and Barrow streets, said tree being directly in front of the cross walk.

The resolution was referred to the committee on streets.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and James Van Hise of the Fourth Ward, was *viva voce* appointed a Watchman in place of Joseph Smathurst removed.

Ald, White offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owners of property petitioning for a sewer in Essex street, from Van Vorst street to the Hudson River, be required to pay unto the City Treasury, the sum of $50, to meet the preliminary

expenses, as required by ordinance in such behalf.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. White offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property petitioning for a sewer in Morris street, commencing at a point two hundred feet east of the easterly line of Warren street, and running into the sewer in Washington street, be requested to pay into the City Treasury the sum of twenty five dollars, to meet the preliminary expenses, as required by ordinance in such behalf.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for the regulation of Jersey Avenue, between South Second street and Newark Avenue, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays have been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

Ald. White presented the following entitled ordinance, which was laid upon table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for opening and altering Jersey avenue, south of Newark avenue, and north of the New Jersey Rail Road, so as to make Jersey avenue run into Jersey Street."

Ald. Hill moved "That the assessment for the filling in, paving ect., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, be referred back to the committee on assessments and to the assessors on that work, with instructions to assess the expenses of filling in only, and not for the paving." The motion was adopted.

Ald. Rapplyea moved "That a special Committee be appointed with instructions to have the financial books of the city written up, under the direction of the comptroller." The motion was adopted.

Ald. Gardner retired.

Ald. Hill moved "That the Committee consist of eleven. The motion was adopted.

The following were appointed as such committee, viz. :

Ald. Rappleyea, Edge, Lyon, Slater, Cleveland, Miller. Tyrrell, Hill, Brower, Whitlock and White.

To which committee the President *pro tempore* was added as one of its members, on motion of Ald. Hill.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, December 20th, 1853.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon. Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Hill was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Thomas & Haley to have Hudson street, between Essex and Bergen streets, or as far south as the Canal Basin, including the intersection, graded, paved, and cross and side walks laid thereon. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Edward Hope and others, to have a lamp placed on the south east corner of South Eight and Brunswick streets, in the Third ward. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of Edward Gough to have a lamp placed on the corner of Grove and North Second streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of William Startup and others, to have lamps placed on the corner of Wayne and Varick streets, and on the corner of Wayne and Putnam streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of P. N. Horsley to be relieved from an erroneous assessment, made upon his property for building a well and pump. Ref to committee on assessments.

Communication from John D. Ward, President of the Board of Water Commissioners, on the subject of a proposition recieved from the authorities of Hoboken, relative to extending the Water Works to that place. Ref. to the special committee appointed on the 6th inst., to confer with the Board of Water Commissioners.

Injunction out of the Court of Chancery, on the complaint of Charles M. Holmes, served on his honor the Mayor on the 19th inst., restraining the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, from changing the width of Grand or Bright street, &c. Ref. to the City Attorney.

Communication from the Union Railroad Company, asking that the fence in front of their property on Greene and Mercer streets, may be allowed to remain where it is. Ref.to committee on streets, with power.

Petition of Breese & Kneeland for permission to lay a rail from their locomotive works, through Warren street to the track of the New Jersey Railroad, to be used by them for transporting their locomotives etc., accompanied by a communication, signed by John Post and others, owners of property on Warren street, setting forth that they have no objections to the application of Messrs. Breese & Kneeland. Ref. to committee on streets.

Claims and aceounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of R. B. Kashow, $83 97; and Clerk & Bacot, $25. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of John F. Richardson, $3 79; and George Morrow, $6 75. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of Commercial Restaurant, $17 68; J. Wilson, $3; J. W. Strober, $10 25; Jotham Clark, $12; S. A. French, $6; James Gibson, $2; William Roosevelt, $46 94; Francis S. Brettell, $35, H. H. Nichols, $9 50; B. R. Wakeman, $23 63; Marshall & Morris, $94 19; Frederick Anness $80 78; R. B. Earle & Co., $80 07; and George Morrow, $8 11. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of G. Morrow, $3 75. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of J. H. Smyth, $16 50, and A. Brower, $13 83. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of George Morrow, $10 13. Ref. to committee on publie gronnds and buildings.

Of Alexander Love, $6 50; John Arbuckle $34 37; William Moore, 12 50; and John Arbuckle $42 62. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of J. F. Richardson, $2 75; and George Morrow, $133 12. Ref. to committee on lamps, subsequently reported correct, the rules suspended for the purpose and the claims ordered paid.

Of Clerk & Bacot $50. Ref. to committee on publie grounds and buildings, subsequently reported correct, the rules suspended for the purpose and the claim ordered paid.

The following claims and accounts, presented and referred to Committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, the rules were suspended for the purpose of paying the claims, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of George Morrow, $7 43; Hugh Billingsley, $20; McGuigan & Nugent, $28 82; A Barmore & Co., $17 88; Hiram Gilbert, $15; J. F. Richardson, $8; Woolsey & Clark, $7 31; Morrell & Vanderbeek, $16 49; George Ford, $12 50; Ingham & Hall, $3 94; J. Wilson, $4 50; S. Billington, $6; L. Jones, $54; Edward Hope, Junior, $10; George Ford, $41 94; Drayton & Durant, $41 36; J. Wilson, $7; Woolsey & Clark, $7 14, and John Crummey, $23 77.

Reports of Committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 6th instant, the resolution granting permission to J. V. Brower, to cut down a tree on the corner of Wayne and Barrow streets; the report recommending that Mr. Brower have permission to remove the tree to the line of the street, instead of cutting it down. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the snbject.

Of Committee on streets, on the certificate of Clerk & Bacot, City Surveyors, setting forth that John Arbuckle is entitled to improvement certificates, on account of his contract for work and materials on Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South 9th street, and the resolution in relation thereto, which were referred to the committee on the 6th instant; the report stating that the certfiicate is correct, and recommending the adoption of the resolution. The resolution being as follows:

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for seven thousand dollars, in sums of five hundred dollars each, being on account of his contract for work and materials for paving, &c., of Erie street, between Pavonia Avenue and South 9th street, and that His Honor the Mayor be reques-

ted to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

Of Committee on Streets, on the petition of Patrick Martin, in relation to his building in Morgan street, referred to them on the 15th November last, and the petition of Stephen W. Smith and others, to have said building removed, as an incumbrance on said street, referred to said committee on the 6th instant, the report recommending that the prayer of Stephen W. Smith, and the other parties to his petition, be granted, and that the committee be instructed to remove the obstructions complained of. Report received, and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred, on the 15th November last, the petition of A. W. Camp and others, to have sidewalk in Mercer street flagged, etc., presented the followiug entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the laying down of a sidewalk, four feet wide, on the southerly side of Mercer street, between Barrow and Jersey streets." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Narine the rules were suspended, for the purpose of enabling the Board to appoint a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment of the cost of the regulation of South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, in the place of David B. Wakeman, who has not qualified.

Whereupon, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Johnson J. Durant was appointed such commissioner.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for three thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars, and fifty two cents, being the balance of his bill for paving, flagging, &c., of Jersey avenue, between Newark avenue and South 8th street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Moore for forty-one dollars, and twenty-five cents, being the amount for which his bill for superintending the paving, &c., of Jersey avenue, between Newark avenue and South 2d street, was reported correct by the committee on streets, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None,

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Clerk & Bacot, for one hundred and fifty-dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveying, making assessment map, etc., in Jersey avenue, between Newark avenue and South Second street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the vote was reconsidered, by which the following resolution was adopted on the 6th inst.:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a house for Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, herewith submitted, be approved, and that the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for building such house, provided the estimates shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the resolution was then laid upon the table.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to negotiate a loan, on behalf of the city, of two thousand five hundred dollars, for a term of five years, at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent per annum, for the purpose of building a house for Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and that the bond or bonds of the city be issued for that purpose, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, and that the Mayor be requested to sign the same when presented to him, and the Seal of the City be affixed thereto by the City Clerk. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the vote was reconsidered, by which the following preamble and resolution were adopted on the 6th instant:

Whereas, An act of the legislature of the State of New Jersey, passed at its last session, relative to the Fire Department of Jersey City, provides that after a fireman shall have served ten years as such he shall be entitled to a certificate of the Common Council, certifying to such service, upon which certificate he is entitled to a certain exemption from jury duty, etc., therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water procure a design for such a certificate, and when such design shall be approved by the Common Coun

cil, said committee procure the same to be engraved upon a steel plate, at an expense not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, the said preamble and resolution were then laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the vote was reconsidered by which the resolution was adopted on the 6th instant, providing for a committee to have the financial books of the city written up.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the resolution be amended by adding to it the words "*at an expense not to exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.*"

Ald. Lyon moved to amend the amendment by inserting the words "*five hundred dollars,*" in the place of "*two hundred and fifty dollars.*"

The amendment to the amendment was rejected. The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

The resolution as amended and passed being as follows:

"That a special committee be appointed with instructions to have the financial books of the city written up, under the direction of the Comptroller, at an expense not to exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars."

On motion of Ald. Miller, it was

Resolved, That the same committee appointed under said resolution, at the last meeting of the Common Council, be continued as the committee.

Ald. White from the Committee on Streets, presented conracts with Daniel Keenan for regulating, &c., Railroad avenue, from Prospect st. to Newark avenue, and for regulating, &c., of Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street, and the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the contracts with Daniel Keenan, for regulating, &c., Railroad avenue, from Prospect street to Newark avenue, with Daniel Keenan, for regulating, &c., of Prospect street, between Newark avenue and Bay street, presented by the Committee on Streets be approved, and when executed by said Daniel Keenan that they be executed on the part of this Corporation by his honor the Mayor, and the Seal of the City be affixed to each of said contracts by the City Clerk. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. White from the Committee on Streets, presented contracts with Alexander Wilson for regulating, &c., Bright street, between Grove and Jersey streets The contracts were referred to the Committee on laws and ordinances with instruction to ascertain how far the injunction in relation to the regulation of Bright street extends, and whether the execution of said contracts will conflict with the injunction.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to prepare and have printed, blank forms of returns of Elections, resignation and expulsions of members of fire department, for the use of said department.

The resolution was adopted.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of the following entitled corporation notice, viz:

"Application to have the sunken lots on the north side of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Coles street, filled up." The report was received and ordered filed.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the election of the following named persons as members of the Fire Department, were presented, received, and on motion of Ald. Brower it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the persons named in the communications enrolled as members of the Fire Department of Jersey City, and the usual certificates of membership be issued:

Of Liberty Engine Company No. 1— Samuel S. Drayton, Samuel Wiswell, John Beatty, Henry Dodd, and James Gilvancy.

Of Arrosseoh Engine Company No. 2—Patrick Curley, Charles Somers, John Whitley, P. G. Appleton, Robert Young, and J. J. Kipp.

Of Hercules Engine Company No. 3—Edward Rich, John Rouse, Thomas McNickle, John Devlin, A. B. Reynolds, J. Halstead, W. Hanks, Thomas Harrington, and Henry Marsiles.

Of Hudson Hose Company No. 1—Jeremiah B. Cleveland, John H. Lyon, Alexander Given, James N. Clarkson, James H. Corwin, James Given, James Lauder, and Robert B. Earle.

Of Diligent Hose Company No. 3—Edward Van Anglen, and Peter Houghtaling.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments, presented the assessment for the filling in of Grand st., between Grove and Henderson streets, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution in relation to said assessment:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessor's Report and Map for filling in Grand street, between Grove and Henderson streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in January next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. White, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, and resetting curb and gutter where necessary, in South Fourth street, between Grove and Erie streets."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

On motion of Ald. White, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for opening and altering Jersey avenue, south of Newark avenue and north of the New Jersey Railroad, so as to make Jersey avenue run into Jersey street."

On motion of Ald. White, the names of James S. Davenport, Alexander Wilson, and Simon F. Noyes, were inserted in the blank, in the 2nd section, as the Commissioners of estimate and assessment.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Narine.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

On motion of Ald. White the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling, curbing, guttering Warren street, between Railroad avenue and the south side of Morgan street, and that Warren street, from Montgomery street to the south side of Morgan street, be flagged, and cross walks laid at all the intersections."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas.—Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None,

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James and Low.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, January 3d, 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell.

Ald. White was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Miller, Ald. Slater was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of S. Billington and others to have a street opened, so as to connect Varick and Coles street. Ref. to committee on streets, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice for the presenting of objections on the third Tuesday in January instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

Petition of Thomas Welwood and others to have a street opened, so as to connect Putnam and Monmouth streets. Ref. to committee on streets, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice for the presenting of objections on the third Tuesday in January instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

Petition of Andrew Clerk and others to have Brunswick and Colgate streets opened and connected. Ref. to committee on streets, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice for the presenting of objections on the third Tuesday in January instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

Notice from Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, of the expiration of policy of insurance, on the firemen's plate for certificates of membership. Ref. to committee on fire and water, with power.

Notice from Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, of the expiration of policy of insurance on the Alms House. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings, with power.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of P. C. Dummer, $1247 72, and George E. Cutter, $5. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8 10. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of Jersey City Union, $3 50; John Arbuckle, $9252 61; and William Moore, $148 75. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of C. H. Winfield, $2 45. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of J. McDonald, $102. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of George Coleman & Co., $13 25; and Daniel C. Gardner, $20 50. Ref. to committee on alms.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, subsequently reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Nathaniel Ellis, $37 05; J. B. Stone, $25; Sunday Policemen, $38; James Gibson, $1 75; City Watchmen, $676 49; J. F. Richardson, $20; Nathaniel Ellis, $62 50; and William Eaton, $20.

(Ald. White appeared and took his seat.)

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of G. Morrow, $10 13; Louis B. Cobb, $7; R. & J. McLaughlin, $16; R. B. Kashow, $83 97; A. O. Zabriskie, $200; James Smith, $764 45; B. R. Wakeman, $23 63; H. H. Nichols, $9 50; R. B. Earle & Co., $80 07; Commercial Restaurant, $17 68; J. V. D. B. Van Doren, $4; James Gibson, $2; McGuigan & Nugent, $6 09; S. A. French, $6; G. Morrow, $8 11; Jotham Clark, $12; William Rosevelt, $46 94; Francis S. Brettell; $35; Marshall & Morris, $94 19; J. W. Strober, $10 25; Frederick Anness, $80 78; J. Wilson, $3; John Arbuckle, $34 37; William Moore, $12 50; Alexander Love, $6 50; John Arbuckle, $42 62; J. H. Smyth, $16 50; A. Brower, $13 83; and G. Morrow, $3 75.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 20th December, 1853, the claim of Clerk & Bacot for $25, for map furnished the Water Commissioners, reported that the Board of Water Commissioners desire to pay said claim, and recommended that Messrs. Clerk & Bacot have leave to withdraw their claim. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 6th December last, the City Treasurers' report for November, 1853, reported the same correct. Report of the committee recived, and the City Treasurer's report ordered filed.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented a report on the subject of taxing the property of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Company, referred to the committee on the 15th November last, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the solicitor for this city in the case pending in the Court of Chancery, between the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Company complainants and the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City defendants, touching the right of the city to asses the property of the complainants for State, County and City purposes, be instructed to discontinue further proceedings on the part of the city. Report received and resolution adopted.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments presented the assessment for filling in etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, and the same was presented, received, and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution in relation to said assessment:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' Report and Map for filling in etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery st., and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in January instant at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the assessment for the regulation of South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, and the same was received, and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution in relation to said assessment.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the Assessors' report and map for the regulation of South 8th street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in January instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald. James obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That two and a half per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for filling in of Grand street, between Grove and Henderson streets, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James, Low and Whitlock.

The City Treasurer's report for December, 1853, showing a balance in the Treasury on the 2d January instant of $6414 94 cents, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 3rd instant, was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for seven thousand dollars in sums of five hundred dollars each, being on account of his contract for work and materials for paving, etc., of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and South 9th street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, January 2, 1854.

To the Honorable Common Council:

I return, gentlemen, without my sanction, a resolution authorizing improvement certificates to be issued in favor of John Arbuckle for seven thousand dollars, on account of his contract for work and materials for the improvement of Erie street.

By the terms of the written contract entered into for the execution of said improvement, the contractor can only receive in payment two thirds of the whole amount in improvement certificates as the work progresses, the other third is reserved, and for which it is expressly agreed that improvement certificates shall not be issued, until the whole work is completed and accepted by the Common Council. The resolution, therefore, could not be carried into effect without a violation of the contract, as seven thousand dollars covers more than two thirds of the costs of said work, which has not yet been completed and accepted as required by the agreement.

You will therefore see the propriety of returning the resolution without my signature for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The resolution was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James, Low and Whitlock.

A communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Michael McLaughlin and Richard Creech, city watchmen, accompanied by the charges upon which said suspensions are grounded, was presented and referred to the committee on watch.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following enitled corporation notices, viz.:

"Confirmation of assessment for filling in of Grand street, between Grove and Henderson streets."

"Application to have Bay street filled up five feet above the Meadow, for the distance of two hundred and fifty feet east of Prospect street, and the side walks flagged four feet in width on both sides of said street."

"Application to have the intersection of Barrow and Bright streets paved and cross walks laid."

The reports were received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk laid before the Common Council the Collector's return of delinquent tax payers.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution in relation to said return:

Resolved, That the list of the names of the delinquents in payment of taxes for the current year, with the sums due from them respectively, thereunto annexed, be placed by the City Clerk in the hands of David Bedford, Esq., Justice, for the purpose of issuing a tax warrant thereon, as provided by law.

Ald. Lyon moved to amend the resolution by striking out the name of David Bedford, and inserting that of Isaac S. Miller. The amendment was rejected.

The resolution was then adopted without amendment.

The following report, from the Board of Water Commissioners, was presented, ordered to be published in the minutes of the Common Council, and to be filed in the City Clerk's office:

To the Honorable the Mayor and
Common Council of Jersey City:

The time having arrived at which the law directs the Water Commissioners to communicate to your Honorable Body the condition of the works under their charge, with a statement of their receipts and expenditures on account of the same, they respectfully present the following

REPORT,

Showing the Progress made in the Construction of the Water Works, the Cost of that part already finished, and a Detailed Estimate, by the Chief Engineer, of the Cost of completing those parts remaining unfinished:

Since the date of the last semi annual report, the work has been regularly carried on — some parts by contractors, and others by men employed under the directions of the Chief Engineer; and considerable progress has been made, but owing to the

summer having been unusually wet and warm, the fevers, which frequently prevail in marshy districts in autumn, increased to such an extent that, on some parts of the line, it was found impossible, for a considerable time, to keep the number of men required to carry forward the work at the desired rate.

All the iron pipes contracted for have been made and delivered; and by referring to the Engineer's report, it will be found that nearly all are laid, not only in the city, but in the vicinity of the reservoirs and across the Hackensack meadows.

The receiving and distributing reservoirs at Belleville and on Bergen Hill, are beginning to assume the appearance of finished works, although the contractors who are employed upon them have not exhibited that diligence in the execution of their contracts which the Commissioners had a right to expect, and which they have urged in vain; it is believed, however, that both may be completed early in the ensuing season.

The pipe bridge and inverted syphon at Hackensack river are completed, with the exception of lowering the syphon to its place, and a part of the roof of the pipe box, which will be put on after the remainder of the pipe is laid.

The engine house and inlet conduit, at Belleville, have been found the most difficult and expensive parts of the work and are those respecting which the Commissioners have felt the deepest anxiety. These still remain unfinished, although a few days of fine weather would enable the contractors to complete the walls of the house and fit it for receiving the roof. The walls and roof of the boiler house are completed, the boilers are in their places, and the brick work about them nearly completed. The steam engine, with, perhaps, some trifling exceptions, is delivered at Belleville; some parts of it are in their places, and the remainder only await the completion of the engine house, to be set up and put in operation.

The amount expended for the construction of the works and purchases of land up to and including Dec. 31st, and the sums paid for interest and commissions appears from the annexed statement to be $530,186 91.

From the Chief Engineer's estimate of the cost of completing the work, which is also annexed, it appears probable that the cost of construction will fall somewhat within the original estimate, although the interest paid, and to be paid before the expiration of one year from the first introduction of water into the city, will probably increase the water debt to something over $600,000.

A wish has recently been expressed by a large number of the citizens of Hoboken to have a supply of water introduced into that town: and at a public meeting held there, a committee was appointed to inquire respecting the terms upon which they could be furnished from the Jersey City Water Works. This committee waited upon the Water Commissioners and obtained from them their views in relation to the matter, and the measures proper to be pursued to accomplish the object in view. A number of the citizens of Hoboken also visited the works, accompanied by some of the Commissioners, and expressed themselves much gratified with their appearance.

Several conferences have been held with the committee from Hoboken, which have resulted in agreeing upon the general features of an arrangement, which they suppose will be satisfactory to the citizens of Hoboken, and which, if the details can be satisfactorily arranged, the Water Commissioners will feel authorized to recommend to your Honorable Body as a measure calculated to promote the interests of Jersey City, and one which it will be sound policy for the municipal governments of both places to unite in asking the Legislature to sanction.

Very respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WARD,
D. S. GREGORY,
M. B. BRAMHALL,
F. B. BETTS.

WATER COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, }
Jersey City, 3d January, 1854. }

Statement of receipts and expenditures for account of the Jersey City Water Works to January 1st, 1854.

1853.		Dr.
Dec. 31.		
To amt. of sale of 600 Jersey City Water Bonds.		$600,000 00
" " " Premium on same,		18,816 20
" " " Proceeds of sale broken pipe,		2 00
" " " " " " Shanty to Contractors,		50 00
" " " " " " Small steam engine,		400 00
" " received for privilege of using bridge for Telegraph wires,		300 00
" " " " 2 Telegraph poles,		4 00
" Sundry amounts received, being interest on loans to Banks and individuals, secured by bonds.		17,800 09
		$637,372 29

1853.	Cr.
Dec. 31.	
By amt. charged to Interest act.,	$27,360 00
" Incidental expense act.,	1,157 06
" Land act.,	35,521 53
" Engineering Department,	12,268 62
" Stop Cock & Hydrant act.,	6,376 11
" Office expenses,	1,339 64
" Bergen Hill Reservoir,	32,608 92
" Pipe yard,	5,503 43
" Belleville Reservoir,	19,541 83
" Pipe laying,	51,385 89
" Labor in pipe yard,	4,295 62
" Pipe act.,	209,227 43
" Commissioners salaries,	5,625 00
" Mercantile Bank, for payment of interest due on Bonds January 1, '54,	18,000 00
" Service pipe act.,	398 95
" Engine & Pump act.,	27,500 00
" Engine house act.,	51,666 86
" W. S. Whitwell, Chief Engineer, for incidental expenses,	200 00
" Syphon act.,	1,172 01
" Pipe box act.,	6,547 45
" Hackensack Bridge act.,	8,431 19
" Crane act.,	264 75
" Hydrant boxes & setting Hydrants,	1,156 95
" Commission act.,	1,000 00
" Preliminary examinations and expenses,	1,631 67
" Amount at loan upon interest, $87,070 40	

" Balance at interest in Merchants Exchange Bank,	19,385 31	
" Balance at interest in Hudson Co. Bank,	667 53	
" Balance at interest in Mechanics'&Traders' Bank,	62 14	
Amount available,	$107,185 38	107,185 38
		$637,372 29

Jersey City, December 31, 1853.

Engineer's Office, Jan. 3, 1854.

To the President and Board of Water Commissioners of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—As the season approaches in which the progress of the work must stop, or be very much impeded, I take the occasion to present a statement of the situation of the work, and the amount of money required for its completion.

Most of the pipe has been laid in the city, and the force employed for that purpose has been, and will be still further reduced in the course of the present week. No more pipe work remains to be done than can easily be accomplished in six weeks of good weather. One hundred and twenty-two hydrants have been set in brick boxes, and twenty-one hydrant branches capped; this latter course was adopted where the vacant lots rendered the present use of the hydrant nnneeessary.

An examination was made in person, a few days since, of many of the hydrants which have been set in the boxes, and in some instances, principally occurring in Grove street, (where the main pipe lies a little deeper than usual,) the top of the hydrant is sunk too far below the level of the side walk. These hydrants will be replaced by those of a longer pattern, thus bringing the top of the hydrant to the required height.

In setting the hydrant the top should not be less than two inches below the cover, but it may be from six to eight inches below without inconvenience, for in using the surface hydrant each fire, or hose company, is supplied with a copper goose neck about eighteen inches long, which being screwed to the top of the hydrant projects about one foot above the curb stone, and to this the nozzle of the hose is attached, thus obviating any inconvenience in getting at the hydrant.

Main and Distribution Pipe.

The whole length of pipe laid, and that stated in the Commissioners' Report of Dec. 8th, 1851, as the amount required, is as follows:

No. of ft. of			*Amt. laid.*	*By report.*
36	in.	at Bergen Hill res.,	95	00
"	"	at Belleville res.,	198 1-2	00
"	"	on Belleville hill,	1,971	2,200
24	"	in Syphon,	96	00
20	"	in city and main between res.,	29,648	37,630
26	"		3,212	3,600
16	"		1,383	00
12	"		9,876	7,320
6	"		48,212	50,760
			94,691 ft.	101,510

The amount remaining to be done is comprised in the following table:

No. of feet of 36 in. rising main at Belleville,	300 ft.
" " of 26 in. pipe at Bergen hill,	412 "
" of 20 in. pipe at South 9th st.,	1,740 "
" of 20 in. pipe at Bergen hill,	800 "
" of 20 in. pipe between the two reservoirs,	5,756 "
" of 16 in. pipe in city,	36 "
" of 12 " "	200 "
" of 6 " "	2,000 "
	11,244 ft.

This, with a few connections to be made in the city, the sinking of the syphon, and the setting of about 30 hydrants, will complete the pipe work.

Bergen Hill Reservoir.

This is so far advanced that it may be made ready for filling at an early day in the spring; more than half of the slope wall for lining, and two thirds of the sodding is done, and the only work of importance, besides this remaining to be done, is the erection of the gate and screen houses, the foundations of which are prepared, and the work commenced.

These buildings will be small brick structures, merely sufficient for getting at the stop gates and screens; they will be laid up in face brick, with stone trimmings in the windows and door jambs.

After having excavated the site of the Reservoir to the depth required, the soil was found to be so porous that it was not deemed prudent to dispense with puddling over all that portion of the bottom where the original soil had been removed. This was done by first laying over a coating of dry clay from eight to ten inches deep, and covering this with puddled gravel, or coarse earth, taken from the bottom of the Reservoir. This work has much increased the cost, which will now not fall much short of $50,000—the original estimate of this Reservoir was $54,000.

Hackensack Bridge and Pipe Box

is so far done that a part of the pipe is laid in the box, and the box is partially roofed. In a few days the remainder of the pipe will be laid, and the roofing finished. The sinking of the syphon has been postponed until the navigation of the river is closed. Arrangements have been made for putting it down immediately after this shall have taken place. About ten days will be required to put it in its place.

The cost of this work has thus far amounted to	$14,185 61
The original estimate was	21,488 00

The pipes laid in the box have no other protection from frost than that afforded by the box itself—the air in the box being found sufficient for that purpose—any material like ashes, saw dust or tan, usually employed on such places, soon gets wet, and causes the rapid destruction of the box by rot; but as the pipes are exposed to a greater difference of temperature than when laid in the ground, a much greater contraction and expansion takes place, which produces considerable leakage at the joints. To obviate this difficulty, these pipes have been laid upon rollers for the whole length of the box, and two steam tight slip joints inserted at some distance between, so that in case of expansion or contraction, all the motion shall be transferred to the slip joints.

All but a very small portion of that long extent of

marsh between the Hackensack river and a point one half mile eastof Belleville ridge, was formerly covered with a dense cedar forest, the roots and trunks of which now bind its surface together into a strong platform, capable of bearing a certain amount of additional weight without sinking. Over this part the 20 inch main pipe has been laid upon a platform of planks eight feet wide, laid in some places with spaces between, but for the most part with the edges of the planks in close contact. The pipe has then been covered with the mucking taken from the ditches, to the height of one foot above the top of the pipe, over which has been laid a coating of gravel of four inches in depth, to protect the vegetable matter in the mucking from combustion.

The unstable nature of this marsh has been often commented upon, and many doubts expressed of its ability to bear the weight proposed to be placed upon it—the effect upon the pipe as far as laid has been carefully watched, and the level has shown but very little settling, except in two places of fifty feet in length, when the pipe was over loaded for the purpose of experiment, still without the experience of some months, under the additional weight of the water, the precise effect cannot be determined.

After the introduction of the water, some additional sinking may be expected, but the weight of the water being uniform, the settling will be gradual and uniform, and probably not such as to cause any leakage on the pipes, which cannot be easily repaired by re-setting the joints.

After this, should it be considered desirable to add still greater strength to the foundation, piles and cross-caps may be placed beneath, with but little more difficulty than in the first instance.

All the excavation, embankment and puddling upon the Belleville Reservoir has been completed, and there now remains to be done the sodding on the out, side of the banks, the lining of the inside with bricks and the completion of the gate house.

The work at Belleville has been much retarded by unexpected difficulties, but it has been pushed forward as long as the weather would permit. The boiler house and chimney have been completed, and it was confidently expected that the engine house would have been ready at this time for the reception of the roof. With one week more of good weather this would have been accomplished, but the recent storm has made it necessary to suspend and cover up the work until milder weather will permit its completion. The plan of the engine house contemplated in the original estimate, has been enlarged to accomodate two engines where one was proposed. From this cause, and from the great expense incurred in preparing the foundations, the cost of this work will exceed the estimate. But the work has been done in a most substantial manner by the contractors, Messrs Keeney, Halliday & Randall, and when finished, the appearance of the building will be agreeable to the eye, and in keeping with the purpose for which it is intended.

Herewith is presented an estimate of the amount of money required to complete the work, which is believed to be sufficient for that purpose. Some of the items have been over-charged in order to cover some which may have been omitted, and any contingencies which may arise.

With this amount added to that already spent, it will be seen that the whole cost of the work will not exceed the original estimate.

It should be stated in this connection that the amount of $35,000 expended for land is not included in the original estimate of the Engineer and should be deducted from the amount expended, to show the actual cost of the work as compared with that estimate. Respectfully, your obt. servant,

W. S. WHITWELL, Eng. J. C. W. W.

Estimated amount wanted to complete the Jersey City Water Works.

December 23d, 1853.

To laying and covering pipe from Jersey avenue to Bergen Hill, 1740 ft. at $1 50,	$2,610 00
" making connections and completing pipe work in city,	1,000 00
" laying pipe at Bergen Hill reservoir, 800 ft. at $2,	1,600 00
" laying and covering pipe from Bergen Hill to Belleville Hill, 5756 at $2,	11,512 00
" covering 6,000 ft. of pipe at 60 cents,	3,600 00
" expenses of pipe laying in December,	800 00
" " of pipe yard, masons, etc.,	450 00
" " superintendence on marsh, reservoirs and engine house,	292 50
" expenses of pipe yard till the works are complete,	3,000 00
" 27 36 in. pipes at $82,	2,214 00
" 50 20 in. pipes at $40,	2,000 00
" 1 20 in. gate,	600 00
" Extra castings, stop gates, etc.,	2,000 00
" Pile driving at Belleville,	364 00
" Laying 36 in. pipe into engine house,	300 00
" Estimated Amt. to complete Belleville Reservoir, including pipe around Res., brick on sides & bottom, gate houses, etc.,	23,400 00
" Estimated Amt. to complete Bergen Hill Reservoir,	20,000 00
" Lowering Syphon & completing bridge,	1,500 00
" Piling from foot of Bergen Hill to River 200 piers at $20,	4,000 00
" Piling this side of Belleville Hill 235 piers at $10,	2,350 00
" Estimated Amt. to complete engine house at Belleville,	20,000 00
" 5 per cent on $103,592 50, for contingencies,	5,179 62
" Amt. due Mott & Ayres,	9,000 00
" " " R. P. Parrott,	7,500 00
" " " James McDonald,	1,000 00
" " " James E. Dowling,	500 00
" " " Colwell & Shantz,	1,200 00
	$127,972 12
Deduct amount expended since date of estimate,	7,383 48
	$120,588 64

W. S. WHITWELL, Eng. J. C. W. W.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the following resolution, adopted on the 20th ultimo, was rescinded:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for three thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars, and fifty two cents, being the balance of his bill for paving, flagging, etc.,

of Jersey avenue, between Newark avenue and South 8th street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of theCommittee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for three thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents, being the balance of his bill for paving, flagging, etc., of Jersey avenue, between Newark avenue and South 2d street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald.Cleveland, James, Low and Whitlock.

(Ald. Gardner obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for six thousand dollars, in sums of five hundred dollars each, being on account of his contract for work and materials for paving, etc., of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and South 9th street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, James, Low and Whitlock.

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of theCommittee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and nineteen cents, being the amount of his bill for filling in of Grand street, between Henderson and Grove streets, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of theCity thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas–Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, James, Low and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the following entitled ordinance,presented and laid upon the table on the 15th November last, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to repeal a part of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, Approved August 18, 1853."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

Nay—Ald. Slater.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, James, Low and Whitlock.

Ald. Edge presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for lightning the City with Gas."

(Ald. Tyrrell obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Hill the vote was reconsidered, by which it was passed at the last meeting, the ordinance entitled

"An ordinance to provide for opening and altering Jersey avenue, south of Newark avenue and north of the New Jersey Railroad, so as to make Jersey avenue run into Jersey street."

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances for amendment.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 6th December last, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to regulate the laying down of gas pipes in the streets of Jersey City."

The ordinance was amended on motion of Ald. Miller, and as amended passed by the followiug vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, James, Low, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table, on the 1st November, 1853, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curb, gutter, pave, lay cross walks and flag side walks, four feet wide in Grand street,from the centre of Van Vorst street to Grove street."

On motion of Ald. White the ordinance was amended, and the ordinance was then passed with the following amended title, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curb, gutter, pave, lay cross walks and flag side walks, four feet wide in Grand street, from the easterly line of Van Vorst street to Grove street."

The vote on the passage of the ordinance being as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, James, Low, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to have the store house on the alms house lot insured.

Ald. Edge presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Common Council have heard with sorrow and regret, of the death of Robert A. Durfee, late an Alderman of this city, and one who in official life was devoted to the public interest, earnest and firm in performing his official duty, and upright, honest and estimable in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That this Common Council bear willing

testimony to the public and private worth of Ex-Alderman Durfee, and deeply sympathize with our citizens in the public loss, and with his family and friends in their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly attested by the City Clerk, be forwarded to the family of Ex-Alderman Durfee.

The resolutions were adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the hospitalities of Jersey City be, and they are hereby tendered to the distinguished members of the late Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, who may want an exile home "out of the United States," as it is probable that they would not venture within the reach of New Jersey justice, without a special invitation.

The resolution was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Edge, Lyon and Brower.

Yeas—Ald. Rappleyea and White.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine and Slater.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, James, Low, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, Friday, January 6th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor at the request of Ald. Betts, James and Gardner, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the law concerning City Weighers and Measurers; and of taking and adopting such necessary measures as will place the Collector's return of delinquent tax-payers legally in the hands of the Collector of arrears of taxes.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, James, Low, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Lyon and White.

On motion of Ald. Low, Ald. Slater was appointed President *pro tempore.*

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the following resolution passed at the previous meeting of the Common Council, was recinded:

Resolved, That the list of the names of the delinquents in payment of taxes for the current year, with the sums due from them respectively, thereunto annexed, be placed by the City Clerk in the hands of David Bedford, Esq., Justice, for the purpose of issuing a tax warrant thereon, as provided by law.

Ald. Miller presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the list of the delinquents in payment of the taxes for the current year, with the sums due from them respectively thereunto annexed, be placed in the hands of David Bedford, Esq., Justice, for the purpose of issuing a tax warrant thereon, as provided by law.

The resolution was adopted.

The President pro tempore presented the following communication from E. Cunard, in relation to the subject of weighing and measuring, in Jersey City, which communication was received, and ordered to be published in the minutes of the Common Council, and filed in the City Clerk's office:

To his Honor the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of Jersey City:

Your memorialist respectfully showeth that he has a number of steamships employed under his management, in conveying cargoes from the port of New York to Liverpool (Jersey City being within the Custom House district of New York), bills of lading for which are signed and dated in New York, to be delivered in Liverpool—that these cargoes consist principally of Flour, Grain, Beef, Pork and other American produce—that by a recent ordinance of your Honorable Board, it is enacted that all Grain shipped to foreign ports from Jersey City must be measured by a measurer appointed by your Board.

The effect of which ordinance would be to drive all foreign trade from Jersey City, because the shippers who reside in New York will not ship Grain in any vessel where a stipulation is made that it must be measured by a particular individual, considering it an interference and dictation in their business, and naturally preferring to employ those known to them, and in whom they have confidence. That your memorialist, in order to obtain freight, must conform to the custom and usages of the port—that he has no control over the measuring, and that if the ordinance passed by your Honorable Board is to continue in force, he must of necessity remove the steamers either into the stream or to the New York side of the river, where there are no such restrictions—that it is a matter in no way affecting the interest of the Corporation of Jersey City whether the steamers carry Flour or Grain; and that if Grain is by ordinance subject to be measured, Flour, and Beef, and Pork may, with equal justice, be subjected to a charge for inspection.

Your memorialist has no intention of disputing the authority or jurisdiction of your Honorable Board in this matter, but he would respectfully submit for your consideration, whether this ordinance does not interfere with the laws of the United States respecting foreign trade—Jersey City being within the Custom House district of New York—and the steamers being entered and cleared from New York. The policy of the ordinance, he would submit, cannot be otherwise than detrimental to the trade of Jersey City, and he would respectfully ask that your Honorrable Board would reconsider the question, and repeal the odinance.

E. CUNARD.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 6th December last, was taken up for consideration, viz.:

"A supplement to an ordinance entitled "Of Weigh Masters and Measurers of Jersey City," passed June 21, 1844.

Ald. Edge moved "that the ordinance do pass."

During the discussion of the motion to pass the ordinance, the Board took a recess for ten minutes, on motion of Ald. Narine.

On the re-assembling of the Board, the vote was taken on the motion to pass the ordinance, which motion was not adopted. The vote was as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:—

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, James, Low, Miller, Narine and Slater.

Nays—Ald. Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Lyon and White.

Ald. Miller asked leave to change his vote, which was granted on motion of Ald. Gardner.

Whereupon Ald. Miller voted nay, on the motion to pass the ordinance.

Ald. Miller moved "That the vote by which the motion to pass the ordinance was rejected, be re-considered."

The motion to re-consider was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. James, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, January 17th, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Narine.

On motion of Ald Lyon, Ald. Hill was appointed President, *pro tem.*

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 3rd instant, and of the special meeting held on the 6th instant, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Invitation from the "Merry Young Bachelors" to attend their first soiree, to be given at the Hudson House, on the 25th instant. Invitation accepted.

Communication from Richard Creech, in relation to the charges brought against him as a city watchman. Received and laid upon the table.

Petition of Cobb, Mason and Hill, to have the southerly side of South Third street, between the westerly side of Jersey avenue and the easterly side of Monmouth street, graded for side walk, and side walk laid four feet in width. Ref. to committee on streets.

Writ of attachment served upon his Honor the Mayor, in the suit of Thomas Wallace and James H. Conklin vs. John H. Mott and Isaac W. Ayres. Laid upon the table, subsequently taken up and referred to the city attorney.

Summons in the case of John R. Lawyer and Sarah A. Lawyer vs. "The Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City," served upon his Honor the Mayor. Ref. to the city attorney.

A copy of a law, drafted by the Water Commissioners, and which they propose to obtain from the Legislature of the State at its present session. Laid upon the table, and on motion of Ald Slater it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on to-morrow (Wednesday) at 7½ o'clock P. M., at the office of the Water Commissioners, for the purpose of conferring with them in relation to said law.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Daily Telegraph, $235 22; L. A. Pratt, $30 38; and David Bedford, $68 16. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of J. Boyce, $37 50; Daniel Keenan, $4 27; Morrell & Vanderbeek, $2 94; Thomas Newham, $16 62; T. W. Morehouse, $1 56; Frederick Porrett, $30 37; John Ward, $5; Michael Kavanagh, $12 72; and E. Pray, $24 69. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of Daniel Keenan, $27 52; Daniel Keenan, $179 29; J. Bishop, $15 10; and Clerk & Bacot, $10. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Edgar Morris, $4 25; B. R. Wakeman, $11 56; T. W. Morehouse, $1 06; Alexander Wilson, $10; B. R. Wakeman, $7 25; and Hudson County Mutual Insurance Company, $2 25. Ref. to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of T. W. Morehouse, $1 88; and T. W. Morehouse $3 13. Ref. to Committee on Lamps.

Of Louis B. Cobb, $8 33. Ref. to Committee on Assessments.

Of David Bedford, $305 24. Ref to committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of John Crummey, $21 98; J. Wilson, $9; Ingham & Daly, $38 25; T. W. Morehouse, 7 57; William Howeth, $14 64; George Ford, $38 05; Hamlin Rushmore, & Co., $59 80, and George Ford, $22 75. Ref. to Committee on Alms.

Of Evan Jones, $5 18. Ref. to Committee on Sewers.

Requisitions from the Board of Education for payment of claims of Miss E. Bunce, for $25; and Wm. Pitcher, for $21; were presented and warrants on the treasurer for said amounts were ordered to be drawn in favor of the claimants, the rules of order having been suspended for the purpose.

A requisition from the Board of Education for $1641 75, in favor of J. W. Parker, Chairman of the Finance Committee of said Board, for payment of salaries of teachers which will be due on the 1st of February next, was presented, and a warrant for that amount was ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented a report adverse to the payment of the claims for damages of F. H. Dykeman, referred to the committee on the 15th November last, and of John R. Lawyer and wife, referred to them on the 6th December last, accompanied by a communication from the President of the Board of Water Commissioners in relation to said claims. Report received, adopted, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Streets reported that the claim of Connelly & Bagley, for $10 65, referred to the said committee on the 18th October last, has been settled by Michael Mullone. Report received, and claim ordered filed.

The Committee on Streets returned the petition of L. R. Bailey, to have Greene street numbered, referred to the committee on the 4th October last, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, in consequence of the filing of a veto by his Honor the Mayor of a similar proposition. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 6th December last the communication of Daniel Keenan in relation to Jersey avenue, reported that Mr. Keenan is liable, on his bond, for repairs to Jersey avenue, except that part taken up and relaid by the Water Commissioners. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the communication.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 20th ultimo with power, the communication of the Union Railroad Company, asking that a fence in front of their property may be allowed to remain where it is, reported that they have granted the privilege asked for, to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 6th December last the communication of John Arbuckle in relation to changing the kind of flag

stone to be used in fulfilling his contracts, reported that they have agreed with Mr. Arbuckle to have flag stones two inches thick laid, as proposed in his communication. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 20th December last the petition of Breese & Kneeland, asking the privilege of laying a railroad track from their factory through Warren street, to connect with the New Jersey Railroad track, reported a recommendation that the permission asked for be granted during the pleasure of the Common Council. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets presented the following entitled ordinance, "An ordinance to provide for filling Bay street five feet above the Meadow, for the distance of two hundred and fifty feet east of Prospect street, and the side walks flagged four feet in width on both sides." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Streets presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Hudson street between Essex street and the Canal Basin, including the intersections, to the established grade, paved, curbed, guttered, cross walks and side-walks laid at the intersections." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Slater the rules of order were suspended to enable the board to audit some claims in the hands of the committee on alms, and the following were reported correct by that committee for the following named amounts, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of George Coleman & Co., $13 25; Randall & Co., $400; Ingham & Hall, $1 38; W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $23; and D. C. Gardner, $20 50.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan, for three hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifteen cents, being the balance of the amount of his bill for filling in, etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, James and Narine.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Clerk & Bacot, for $50, assessment map, etc., being the amount of their bill for the regulation of South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, James and Narine.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, infavor of Daniel Keenan, for six hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents, being the balance of the amount of his bill for the filling in, etc., of South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner. Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, James and Narine.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Daniel Keenan, for two hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents, being the amount of his bill for paving, etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Bevan for seventy dollars, being the balance of the amount of his bill for survey, maps and assessment of work on Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, James and Narine.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for the regulation of South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner. Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, James and Narine.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling in, etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner. Hill Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Narine.

Ald. Brower presented the assessment for paving, etc., of Montgomery street, between Barrow street

and Grove street, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution in relation to said assessment:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' report and map for paving, etc., of Montgomery street, between Barrow st. and Grove street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in February at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower presented the assessment for filling in, paving, etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution, in relation to said assessment:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' Report and Map for filling in, paving, etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in February at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Watch presented a report signed by two of the committee, viz: Ald. Lyon and Rappleyea, in relation to the charges against Michael McLaughlin and Richard Creech, City Watchmen, referred to the said Committee on the 3d inst.

The report setting forth that the committee have examined into the charges and find them sustained in both cases; the report being accompanied by the evidence taken. The report was received.

Ald. Lyon moved "That Michael McLaughlin be dismissed from the Watch Department, for the reasons contained in the charges made against him by John P. Smith and his wife, presented to the Common Council on the 3d January instant.

The resolution was not adopted, two thirds of the members of the Board not voting in favor of the resolution.

The vote was as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland. Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Narine.

Ald. Lyon moved "That Richard Creech be dismissed from the watch department, for neglecting his duty, by entering his house and going to bed while in charge of a beat."

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland. Edge, Gardner. Hill, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Low and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Narine.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That lamps be placed on the corners of Wayne and Varick, and on the corner of Wayne and Putnam streets, under the direction of the Committee on Lamps.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the corner of South Eighth and Brunswick streets, under the direction of the Committee on Lamps.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the corner of Provost and North Second street, under the direction of the Committee on Lamps.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be authorized to employ some person or persons to vaccinate for the Kine Pox, all indigent or poor persons within the limits of the city, that have not already been vaccinated, provided the same can be done for a suitable compensation.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred on the 18th October last, empowered to abate a nuisance on Newark avenue, complained of in petition of Patrick Devine and others, reported that the nuisance complained of has been abated by the cold weather. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz.:

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street."

"Application to have Brunswick and Colgate streets opened and connected, by extending the lines of Colgate street until they intersect Brunswick street, thereby taking a small gore from the south-east corner of the block lying between South 8th and 7th streets, adjoining Brunswick street on the west, and to have all that part of the street lying north of the Railroad, known as and called Brunswick street."

"Confirmation of assessment for filling in, etc., of Grand street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets."

"Application to have a street opened, so as to connect Putnam and Monmouth streets."

"Application to have a street opened, so as to connect Varick and Coles streets."

"Application to have Hudson street, between Essex and Bergen streets, or as far south as the Canal Basin, including the intersection, graded, paved, and cross walks and side walks laid thereon."

A subpœna ad respondendum, with subpœna ticket attached, served upon Isaac S. Miller, Esq., late City Treasurer, in the suit in chancery between John B. Coles and William F. Coles, complainants, and Patrick Burke and others, defendants, was presented and referred to the City Attorney.

Ald. Brower presented the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The Legislature did, in their session of 1852, enact a special law, usually denominated the Military Tax Law of Hudson county, whereby each male inhabitant of Hudson county, between the ages of 21 and 45, is assessed fifty cents for the ostensible purpose of defraying the expenses of the complete enrolement of the un-uniformed militia o the Hudson Brigade.

And whereas, said law was obtained without the knowledge or consent of a vast majority of the tax payers of this city, and is odious to the inhabitants generally.

And whereas, The said tax is oppressive, burdensome and uncalled for, and is expended in a manner not calculated to improve the character or morals of the people, and without any accountability attached thereto, drawing from our people large sums of money annually, for purposes, and in a manner not warranted by the exigencies of the times.

And whereas, We can see no good reason for selecting Hudson county for the collection of such a tax, while every other county in the State is exempt.

Therefore resolved, That our Senator and Representatives are hereby requested to use their influence to expunge from the statute book said Military Tax Law, and to insist upon its unconditional repeal.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the foregoing preamble and resolution, and that the Clerk be instructed to attach the seal of the city thereto, and forward the same to our Senator and Representatives.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Miller the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz:

A supplement to an ordinance, entitled "of Weigh Masters and Measurers of Jersey City," passed June 21, 1844."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been order and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Miller, Slater and White.

Nays—Ald. Lyon, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Narine.

Ald. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant on the City Treasurer for the sum of $25 be drawn in favor of the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to be appropriated to the payment of necessary clerk hire in the preparing the ordinances for publication, under the resolution for that purpose heretofore passed.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 3rd January inst., was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the lighting the city with gas."

The ordinance was discussed, and laid upon the table again.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Held at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners, Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President, the board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, James, Low, Lyon, Miller and Tyrrell.

On motion of Ald. Slater, Ald. Hill was appointed President *pro tempore*.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That the draft of the law which the Board of Water Commissioners propose to apply for at the present session of our State Legislature, be referred to the Special Committee of the Common Council already appointed to confer with the Water Commissioners, and that said Committee be authorized in case they deem it expedient, to have three hundred copies of said proposed law printed by Friday evening next, the twentieth instant.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting held at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners of Jersey City, January 20th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., called by His Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Hill, Rappleyea and White, for the purpose of considering and acting on the plan of Sewerage and Sewerage Ordinance before the Common Council, and considering and acting on the law proposed to be applied for, at the present session of the Legislature by the Water Commissioners for the extention, etc., of the Jersey City Water Works.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Brower, Gardner, Low and Narine.

On motion of Ald. Miller, Ald. Slater was appointed President, *pro tempore*.

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 16th of August last, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance approving the plan for the general system of Sewers, furnished by the "Water Commissioners of Jersey City."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, White, and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Tyrrell.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Brower, Gardner, Low and Narine.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the draft of the law proposed to be applied for by the Board of Water Commissioners, at the present session of the Legislature, extending the benefits of the Jersey City Water Works to the town of Hoboken, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Miller an invitation was extended to the Water Commissioners present to give their views on the proposed law, during its discussion by the Common Council.

The law was read throughout, and then by sections, which were discussed and amended.

Ald. Miller moved "That this Common Council concur with the Board of Water Commissioners in their application to the Legislature for the passage of the law as amended, which said Board proposed to ask for."

Ald. Hill moved to amend the motion of Ald. Miller by substituting the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The citizens of Hoboken have made application, and are desirous of obtaining the Passaic water through the Jersey City Water Works, and in view of the importance of the subject, and the difficulties that must necessarily arise in making an equitable co-partnership between the Corporation of Jersey City and the Town Committee of Hoboken, in adjusting the expenses that have accrued, together with the benefits arising from contracts already made, and to avoid the embarrassments that would naturally arise in assessing and collecting water rents under such co-partnership; and,

Whereas, The only feasible plan for distributing the water in the township of Hoboken wolud be by uniting said township and Jersey City under one incorporation. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Common Council deem it inexpedient to enter into the co-partnership as proposed by the supplement to the Law creating the Water Commissioners of Jersey City.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Lyon, Edge and Tyrrell:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge. Hill, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. James and Miller.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Brower, Gardner, Low and Narine.

The motion of Ald. Miller as amended by the substitution of Ald. Hill's preamble and resolution, was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Whitlock and Edge:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. James and Miller.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Brower, Gardner, Low and Narine.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, February 7, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Narine was appointed President, *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the preceding three meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of I. D. Applegate, Captain of Schooner Charles Parker, for remission of a fine imposed upon the Mate of that vessel. Ref. to committee on ferries and wharves.

Petition of H. McComb and others, accompanied by a profile map, asking that the grade of Morgan street may be altered according to said map. Ref. to committee on streets, and City Clerk directed to give notice through the Corporation paper that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber on the 1st Tuesday in March next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider any objections in writing, which may then be presented, to the said application.

Communication from Richard Creech, in reference to his recent dismissal from the Watch Department. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Edward Cook and others, for the appointment of James Taylor, of the First Ward, as a City Watchman. Laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Clerk & Bacot, $175. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Samuel Anness, $26 25; W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $25; D. C. Gardner, $12 50; George Duncan, $12 75; M. Williams, $276; James Wiley, $9; A. R. Merlett, $180 84; George Coleman & Co., $15 75; John Crummy, $34 89; Ingham & Hall, $6 64; and Drayton & Durant, $64 90. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of G. E. Winants, $6056 40; and John Bevan, $200. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of William Pitcher, $2 50. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of Joseph Young, $75. Ref. to committee on Finance.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate Committees, afterward reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and the rules having been suspended for the purpose, the said amounts were ordered paid:

Of Nathaniel Ellis, $46 17; Jasper Wandle, $31 25; Fidelity Division, $37 50; S. Quaife, $12 50; Henry Stiff, $10; Hiram Gilbert, $15; William Eaton, $20; J. W. Stone, $25; G. Morrow, $8 50; John F. Richardson, $8; David Henderson, $200; A. T. Smith, $100; Lewis Colby, $50; E. Morris, $175; Sunday Police, $47 50; Reilly & Doyle, $39 85; G. Morrow, $5; Jasper Wandle, $ 31 25; G. Morrow, $6; Geo. E. Cutter, $3; J. F. Richardson, $20; G. Morrow, $127 76 G. Morrow, $121 12; City Watchmen, $679 07; Samuel Anness, $5 75; Geo. W. Cassedy, $187 50; Wm. Whitley, $100; Daily Telegraph, $100; George E. Cutter, $112 50; Hoboken Gazette, $9; G. Cooper, $10 25; and B. R. Wakeman, $2 50.

The Committee on Lamps returned two claims of T. W. Morehouse for $1 88 and $3 13, referred to them on the 17th January last, and the same were referred to their appropriate committees. Subsequently the claims were reported correct and ordered paid.

Requisitions from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims were presented, and warrants were ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the claimants for the amounts respectively named:

Of C. Shepherd & Co., $113 95; C. Shepherd & Co., $1 55; C. Shepherd & Co., $7 25; C. Shepherd & Co., $5 88; A. Anderson, $75; S. R. Tyrrell, $50; D. Gould, $56; R. B. Earle & Co., $28 94; George Savage, $24; C. Shepherd & Co., $38 44; C. Shepherd & Co., $89 93; C Shepherd & Co., $18 15; Clark, Austin & Smith, $6 24; Ingham & Hall, $2 63; S. Ashcroft, $8 50; and Lawrence & King, $159 75.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of P. C. Dummer, $1246 72; Daily Telegraph, $220 25; L. A. Pratt & Co., $25 38; Evan Jones, $5 18; L. C. Lyman, $8; George E. Cutter, $5; D. Bedford, $68 16; Daniel Keenan, $57 30; J. S. Bishop & Co., $15 10; Daniel Keenan, $27 52; Jersey City Union, $3 50; E. Pray, $24 69; F. Porrett, $30 37; Thomas Newham, $16 62; Daniel Keenan, $4 27; T. W. Morehouse, $1 56; J. Boyce, $37 50; John Ward, $5; Michael Kavanagh, $12 72; Morrell & Vanderbeek, $2 94; C. H. Winfield, $2 45; Edgar Morris, $4 25; Alexander Wilson, $10; B. R. Wakeman, $11 56; T. W. Morehouse, $1 06; B. R. Wakeman, $7 50; J. McDonald, $102; Louis B. Cobb, $8 33; Hamlin, Rushmore & Co., $59 80; J. Wilson, $9; George Ford, $22 75; T. W. Morehouse, $7 57; William Howeth, $14 64; George Ford, $38 05; Ingham & Daly, $38 25; John Crummy, $21 98; and Hudson County Mutual Insurance Company, $2 25.

Ald. Rappleyea presented a policy of insurance on the Store House on the Alms House lot, issued by the New York Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and on his motion a warrant for seven dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of the premium, was ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

The Special Committee on Amendments to the City Charter reported a series of amendments. The regular order of business was suspended, the amendments were considered by sections, amended, and then laid upon the table.

The Committee on Finance, reported as correct, the City Treasurer's Report for December, 1853, referred to them on the 2d January last. Report of the Committee accepted, and City Treasurer's Report ordered filed.

The Committee on Finance presented two Declarations of Sale to purchasers of property at the Corporation sale on the 1st instant. The Declarations of Sale were approved, and ordered to be executed by his Honor the Mayor, and the Seal of the City to be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

The Committee on Streets reported as correct for $9069 89, the claim of John Arbuckle for $9252 61 for work and materials in the regulation of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South 9th street; and the claim of Wm. Moore for $148 75 correct, for superintending the said improvement, which claims were referred to the committee on the 3d January last; and the claim of Clerk & Bacot for $175, referred to the committee at this meeting of the Common Council, as correct, for surveys, assessment maps, etc., for the same improvement. On motion of Ald. Hill the claims were referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed, and Simon F. Noyes, Lewis B. Cobb, and David Smith were appointed Commissioners of estimate and assessment on said improvement.

The following claims, referred to the Committee on Streets on the 17th January last, were reported correct, then referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed:

Of Daniel Keenan, for $179 29, for work and materials on north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and Newark avenue, and Clerk & Bacot, for $10, for maps, surveys etc., for same improvement.

On motion of Ald. Hill, Simon F. Noyes, Louis B. Cobb and David Smith were appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of filling, repairing etc., the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and Newark avenue.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 15th November last the petition of C. Van Vorst to have Jersey st., from Mercer to Grand street, curbed and guttered, presented an ordinance for that improvement, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing and guttering Jersey street, from Mercer street to the south side of Grand street, or so much thereof as has not already been filled or curbed and guttered." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report on the petition of P. N. Horsley, referred to the committee on the 20th December last, asking to be relieved from an alleged erroneous assessment upon his property; the report setting forth that the assessment having been confirmed the same cannot be reopened etc. Report accepted, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report on the communication of Charles Fink, Charles M. Holmes and Thos. Welwood, referred to the committee on the 15th November last, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution passed on the 1st November, 1853, appointing George W. Edge, David Gould and William Coleman, commissioners of assessments, to assess the expenses of filling Steuben street, from Washington street to Prospect street, in place of Thomas Welwood, Charles Fink and Charles M. Holmes be rescinded, and that the former commissioners appointed on the 21st June, 1853, be the assessors for said improvement.

Report received and resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report on the communication of Daniel Keenan, referred to them on the 1st November last, in relation to Improvement Certificates due to him, stating that the Improvement Certificates have been issued, etc. Report received and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

TheCommittee on Assessments presented the Assessment for the filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution in relation thereto :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' report and map for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery streets, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber on the third Tuesday in February instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report on the report of John Bevan, one of the City Surveyors, referred to the Committee on the 2d August last, on the communication of Breese & Kneeland relative to the grades for Steuben street. The report of the Committee setting forth that they believe the statement contained in the City Surveyor's report to be correct, etc. Report of the Committee received, and Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald. Narine presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for filling in, paving, etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas — Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Low.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for one thousand and three dollars and twenty-four cents, being the balance of the amount of his bill for filling in, paving etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Low.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolbtion :

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Bevan for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being the amount of his bill for survey, grades, assessment maps etc., for the regulation of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James,Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Edge.

Absent—The President and Ald. Low.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Moore, for thirty-two dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the paving, etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Low.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling in, paving etc., of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Low.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for three hundred and fifty-two dollars and forty-three cents,being the balance of the amount of his bill for filling in, paving etc., of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Low.

Ald. Narine offered tee following resolution -

Resolved, That an Improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Bevan for forty dollars, being the amount of his bill for survey and assessment map of work on Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, and that his Honor the Mayor be requessed to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Low and White.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Moore, for sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending paving of Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas aud nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Low.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the north side of Exsex street, between Warren and Washington streets, under the direction of the Committee on Lamps.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Sewers presented reports on the four ordinances referred to them on the 31st May last, providing for the construction of sewers in South Third, Warren, and Essex streets, and in Jersey avenue; the reports being adverse to the passage of the ordinance for the reason that they are not conformable to the plan of sewerage recommended by the Water Commissioners. Report accepted, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the ordinances.

The Committee on Sewers presented a report on the petition of Andrew Clerk and others, referred to the committee on the 21st September last, for the construction of a sewer in Van Vorst, Grand, Bright, York and Barrow streets, according to the plan recommended by the Water Commissioners, the report setting forth that the petitioners ask for the construction of a sewer in a street not laid down on the city map. Report received and committee discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

The Committee on Sewers presented a report adverse to granting the prayer contained in the petition referred to them on the 15th November last, of R. C. Bacot and others, asking for the construction of a sewer in South Fifth street, between Coles and Prospect streets, for the reason that the application does not conform to the plan of sewerage recommended by the Water Commissioners. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

The Committee on Sewers presented a draft of a law which the Water Commissioners propose to apply for, at the present session of the Legislature. The proposed law was considered and amended, and laid upon the table.

The yeas and nays were ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. James, Lyon and Cleveland, on an amendment offered by Ald. Miller to the 19th section, and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. James, Narine and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge and Low.

The Committee on Sewers presented a draft of a law which the Water Commissioners propose to apply for at the present session of the Legislature. The draft of the law was considered, amended and laid upon the table.

Ald. Miller offered the following preamble and resolution, which were laid upon the table:

Whereas, It is of great importance to carry out from time to time the plan of sewerage presented by the Water Commissioners, and adopted by this Board, and as additional power is required from the Legislature to enable the work to be done.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers be directed to advise with the Water Commissioners, and in conjunction with them to apply to the Legislature for the passage of the bill, this evening submitted and approved by the Common Council.

(Ald. Rappleyea obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. James moved "That the Board adjourn to meet again to morrow (Wednesday) night, at 7 1-2 o'clock, at the City Clerk's office. The motion was lost.

Ald. Slater moved to take up for consideration the draft of the law about to be applied for by the Water Commissioners. The motion was lost.

Ald. James moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the regular order of business was suspended, to enable the Board to appoint a Watchman from the First Ward to fill the vacancy existing, whereupon the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and J. H. Baldwin, of the First Ward, was appointed a City Watchman.

(Ald. James obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 6th December last, was taken up for consideration, viz.:

An Ordinance amending an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to Omnibus and Stage Drivers," approved February 13, 1853."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Slater.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, James, Low and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Slater the law in relation to sewerage proposed to be applied for by the Water Commissioners, and the preamble and resolution in relation thereto offered by Ald. Miller, were taken from the table for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Miller it was

Resolved, That the law be approved of as amended.

The preamble and resolution were amended, and as amended adopted, and as adopted are as follows:

Whereas, It is of great importance to carry out from time to time the plan of sewerage presented by the Water Commissioners and adopted by this Board, and as additional power is required from the Legislature to enable the work to be done.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers be directed to advise with the Water Commissioners, and in conjunction with them to apply to the Legislature for the passage of the bill this evening submitted and approved by the Common Council, and that the Chairman of the Committee on Sewers be requested to take the bill to Trenton to-morrow, Wednesday morning, and have it presented to the Legislature.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred on the 15th November last the petition of Francis R. Hill, to have sunken lots in South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Coles street filled up, reported that notice for objections having been published and none having been received, the Committee recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances to present an ordinance for the purpose of carrying into effect the prayer of the petition. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The City Treasurer's Report for January, 1854, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st instant, amounting to $5724 92, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the two following entitled corporation notices, viz.:

"Confirmation of Assessment for filling in, paving etc., of South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey ave."

"Confirmation of Assessment for paving etc., of Montgomery street between Barrow street and Grove street."

Reports received and ordered filed.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the following elections and resignation in the fire department were presented:

Engine Company No. 1—Election of Lloyd Gray, William Anness, Frederick Anness, John Campbell, Timothy D. Witherell, James Doyle, John Snoddy, John Faulkner, James Haverior, Timothy Conk, Robert O'Hara, Michael Travers, Cornelius Bush, Samuel Hathaway, Wm. D. Nolan, Andrew J. Gordon and Edward Flaugherty.

Engine Co. No. 2, election of John R. Brownell and John P. Hardenbergh.

Engine Co. No. 3, election of W. B. Shotwell, J. M. Clark, Solomon F. Vanderbeek, Abrm. Vreeland, C. C. Hutchinson, Isaac Van Saun, Daniel Vreeland, and M. S. Wickware.

Engine Co. No. 5, election of A. T. Morris, Christopher Mills, and John Vanderbelt. Resignation of Francis Fuller.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, election of Lewis P. Cook and E. P. Rogers.

On motion of Ald. Brower it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, that the names of the members be enrolled as members of the Fire Department, and that the usual certificates of membership be issued to them; and that the proper entry of the resignation be made by the City Clerk.

A report by the Collector of Assessments, of the unpaid Assessments for the regulation of Jersey avenue, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to cause the same to be advertised according to law, and sold in case of the non payment of the said assessments.

A communication from the City Treasurer, informing the Common Council of the payment of twenty-five dollars into the city treasury, by Job Male, on account of the pipe sewer, proposed to be constructed in Morris street, to connect with the sewer in Washington street, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. White it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the Treasurer for twenty-five dollars, in favor of Job Male, to refund to him the amount paid into the city treasury, on account of the pipe sewer asked for in Morris street.

Ald. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two Constables from each ward of the city be elected at the next city charter election.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the word two was stricken out and the word one was inserted in its place, and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea presented a receipt from the Ætna Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, for twenty dollars, being the amount of premium on Policy of Insurance No. 12,678.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, a warrant for amount of the premium was ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings.

On motion of Ald. Lyon it was

Resolved, That when the Board adjourn, it will adjourn to meet on to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, at the City Clerk's office.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

At the City Clerk's Office, February 8th, 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk, at eight o'clock, P. M.

Present—Ald. Gardner, Low, Narine and Slater.

Absent—The, President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Slater, Ald. Gardner was appointed President pro tempore.

No quorum being present, on motion of Ald. Low the Board adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 9th inst., at eight o'clock A. M.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, February 9th, 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Low and Miller.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Gardner was appointed President, pro tempore.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, the proposed amendments to the City Charter, presented on the 7th instant by the special committee appointed to prepare the same, were taken from the table for consideration.

The amendments were read and amended.

Ald Lyon moved to strike out the whole of the following section of the amendments, viz:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey: That in addition to the City officers designated in the 3d Section of the Act to which this is a supplement, there shall be a Comptroller and City Attorney; and that said Comptroller and City Attorney, and the Clerk of the city, the Treasurer, Overseer of the poor, and Street Commissioner, shall be elected at the Charter elections; and that said Clerk of the City shall hold his office for two years, and the other officers hereinbefore named shall hold their offices respectively for one year, anything contained in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. James, Lyon and Brower:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Gardner, James, Lyon, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Hill, Narine and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Edge, Low and Miller.

On the motion to adopt section four, as amended by the Common Council, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. James, Lyon and Slater, and were as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. James, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Low and Miller.

The section being as follows:

"And be it enacted, That so much of the 44th section of the act as limits the Common Council to raise by tax, not exceeding five mills on a dollar, of the actual value of property assessed, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that it shall be lawful for said Common Council to raise by tax every year so much money as they may deem expedient for the purpose in said section indicatod, provided such tax shall not exceed in any one year seven mills on a dollar of the actual value of property assessed.

(Ald. Narine obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. White moved to amend the following section by striking out the words "a City Hall and other," viz.:

"And be it enacted, That for the purpose of acquiringa suitable site forand erecting aCityHall andother public buildings it shall be lawful for the Common Council of Jersey City to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and to issue the bonds of the City therefor, in such parcels or sums as to them may be deemed expedient, drawing six per cent interest, one half of the amount of which bonds shall be payable in fifteen years and the residue in twenty years after the issuing thereof; anything in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Brower and Lyon:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Lyon, Slater and White.

Nays—Ald Hill, James, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Low, Miller and Narine.

On the motion to adopt section 7, the yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the call of Ald. James, Rappleyea and Lyon, and were as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. James.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Low, Miller and Narine.

The section being as follows:

"And be it enacted, That so much of the 43d section of the act to which this is a supplement, as limits the Common Council to raise by loan in any one year no greater sum than ten thousand dollars, and as limits the city to a debt of seventy-five thousand dollars, at any one time, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that it shall be lawful for the said Common Council to raise by loan in any one year the sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars—the payment of which shall not be provided for from the taxes to be raised in said city in any such year, and that the said city shall not owe more than one hundred thousand dollars at any one time, over and above the loan for the purposes of the City Hall and other public buildings, hereinbefore provided for.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, that the supplement to the charter, just considered be approved.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That Ald. Rappleyea be appointed a committee to proceed to Trenton, with the supplement to the charter, when engrossed, and cause the same to be presented to the Legislature for passage.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to go to Trenton, and endeavor to secure the passage of the supplement to the charter, just considered and approved of by this Common Council, and that said committee have power to add to their numbers, and to fill any vacancies that may occur.

Whereupon Ald. Hill, Slater, Brower, Rappleyea and Lyon were appointed such committee, to which committee the President pro tempore, Ald. Gardner, was added as one of its members, on motion of Ald. Brower.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special Meeting at the City Clerk's office, Monday, February 13th, 1854, called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Edge, Lyon and Cleveland, to consider the bill now pending before the Legislature, "to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company," and take such measures in relation to it, as may be deemed necessary to guard and protect the interest of the city.

In the absence of the President, the board was called to order by the City Clerk, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Hill, James, Low, and Miller.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President, *pro tempore*.

The call of the meeting was read.

The act now before the Legislature, entitled "An act to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company" was read.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On the reassembling of the Board, Ald Lyon presented the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, A bill is now pending before the Legislature of this State, relating to the shore in front of, and seriously affecting the interest of Jersey City.

Therefore, Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, be requested to call a meeting of the citizens at the old Reformed Dutch Church in Grand street, west of the Square, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to consider such bill.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to forward the passage by the Legislature of the amendments to the City Charter, together with Ald. Edge and the City Attorney, be authorized and directed to proceed to the city of Trenton without delay, and prevent by all honorable means, the passage of an act now pending before the Legislature, entitled an act to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company."

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, be signed by the President, *pro-tem*, and City Clerk, and that the seal of the city be attached thereto, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and laid before the General Assembly by the Committee.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Ald. Narine it was

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions just passed, be signed by the President *pro tempore*, and by the City Clerk, and that his Honor the Mayer be requested to sign the same, that the seal of the city be affixed thereto, and that the same be laid before the General Assembly by the Committee.

Ald. Lyon submitted the following memorial:

To the Honorable the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.

The memorial of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, respectfully represents that they have heard with considerable surprise, that an act is now pending before the House of Assembly, which has already passed the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company," which seriously affects the interest of the city, and of the details of which our citizens have had no information until this time, that said act if passed, will seriously effect and impair the municipal power granted to your memorialists by the Legislature of this State, and will prevent the use by the public of the water front, and place the whole control of such front in the hands of persons not residing in this State, and having no regard for the public interest—that said act does not in any way attempt to guard the public interests or provide that the improvements contemplated thereby shall ever be made, and your memorialists are apprehensive from the secret manner with which said act has been passed through the Senate, that the objects of the applicants for its passage is more to forward private interests than the public weal. Your memorialists, therefore, protest against the passage of said act, and respectfully ask that any further action thereon may be postponed, until the same can be considered by the citizens of Jersey City, and such alterations can be proposed as will guard and protect the public interests. And your memorialsts will ever pray, etc., in testimony whereof this memorial is signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the corporate seal of the city is affixed thereto this 13th day of February, in the year 1854.

The memorial was approved of, and adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Brower, Slater, and Edge.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Hill, James, Low and Miller.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, Saturday, February 18th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Hill, Rappleyea, and Miller, for the purpose of considering the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Ald. Narine was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James, Miller, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Edge was appointed President, pro tempore.

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the Act now pending before the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "A supplement to an "Act to incorporate Jersey City," passed the fifteenth of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-two,"—was taken up and considered by sections.

All of the seetions were approved without amendment, except Section 6 and 7.

Ald. Low moved to amend Section 6, by inserting the words "not more than," between the words "drawing" and "six per cent interest.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, White and Cleveland.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Slater and White.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James, Miller, Narine, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Section sixth, as amended was then approved.

Ald. Narine appeared and took his seat during the consideration of the 7th section

Section 7th was amendedby the words "as amended in January, eighteen hundrd and fifty-three," in the first line of said section.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the special committee on amendments to the city charter be directed to procure the adoption of an amendment which will authorize the Common Council to have side walks in the city repaired under the direction of the committee on streets, without being required to publish notice of such repairing.

On motion of Ald. Slater it was

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the charter be published in all the city papers.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Low, Cleveland and Rappleyea:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Low, Narine, Slater and White.

Nays—Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Lyon and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James, Miller, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, February 21st, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Low, Lyon, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Miller was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James, and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Slater, Ald. Lyon was appointed President, *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th and 18th instant, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of William Roosevelt and Simon Hillyer, to have South Third street, between Coles and Monmouth streets, filled to the established grade, curbed and guttered, side walks four feet wide laid, and bridge stone cross walks laid at all the intersections. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of George McLaughlin, for the removal of a sign on Grove street, between Railroad avenue and Wayne street. Ref. to committee on streets.

[Ald. Miller appeared and took his seat.)

Petition of J. H. Gautier and others, to have Henderson street, between Newark avenue and Grand street, paved, curbed, guttered, [illegible] Board to [illegible]dges, and side-walks four feet wide, laid there[illegible] Ald [illegible]ef to committee on streets.

Communication from the consistory of the First Reformed Dutch Church, in relation to their new Church edifice in Grand street. Ref. to committee on streets.

Remonstrance of T. L. Fenn and others, against any alteration in James Wiley's omnibus route. Laid upon the table.

Resignation of Louis B. Cobb, as a member of the Board of Education. Received and ordered filed.

Subpœna in Chancery, against the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, at the suit of Chas. M. Holmes, served upon his Honor the Mayor, on the 11th inst. Ref to the City Attorney

Petition of Samuel M. Chambers and others, for permission to lay drains from their premises in Newark avenue, to connect with the Sewer in Railroad avenue. Ref to committee on sewers.

Requisitions from the Board of Education, for payment of the following claims were presented, and warrants for the amounts named, were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the respective claimants:

Of J. J. Banta, $11 69; Thos. Newham, $2; Geo. Ford, $5 36; Evan Jones, $60; Mr. Morrell, $7 50; Ryan & Mitchell, $100 96; Corey & Webster, $168-50; Mr. Patton, $146 10; Mr. Many, $53 73; S. Anness, $9 13; J. J. Banta, $288 07; Thomas Jones, $14; McGuigan & Nugent, 63 cents, and F. A. Brettell, $10.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. F. Trippe, $15. Ref to Special Committee on amendments to City Charter.

Of Hugh Billingsley, $40; and R. & J. McLaughlin, $40 60 Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of Cronham & Wetterson, $10 10; Isaac Morrow, $22 50; Isaac Morrow, $26 50; George Ford, $26 25; and J. Wilson, $4 75. Ref to committee on alms.

Of Cronham & Wetterson, $5 62; and Charles M. Holmes, $29 76 Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of Messrs. Clerk, Hutton and Brady, $50. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of Clerk & Bacot, $50; John Arbuckle, $307 42; William Moore, $—; William Moore, $8 75; and Clerk & Bacot, $15. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of George Ford, $12 28; Thomas Newham, $22 75; Moses Sweet, $14 10; Samuel H. Many, $29 93; Samuel H. Many, $1 38; and Charles M. Holmes, $33 75. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of L. A Pratt & Co., $10 50. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Charles Fink, $12. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of Charles M. Holmes, $21 50. Ref. to committee on Watch.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments, presented the assessment for the regulation of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South Ninth street, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine presented the following resolution in relation to such assessment.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' Report and Map for the regulation of Erie street, between Michigan or South Ninth street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in March next, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine presented the following entitled ordinances:

"An ordinance to prescribe the duties of the Collector of Taxes."

"An ordinance defining the duties of the Collector of Assessments, and providing for the collection of the same."

The ordinances were laid upon the table, and ordered to be published in all of the city papers.

On motion of Ald Narine, the vote by which claim No. 2320, of J. W. Stone for $25, was ordered paid on the 7th inst., was rescinded, a duplicate of said claim having been paid.

The Committee on Ferries and Wharves, to whom was referred on the 7th inst., the petition of J. D. Applegate, Captain of the schooner Charles Parker, for the remission of a fine imposed upon the mate of that vessel, presented a report recommending the remission of the fine. Report received, and its recommention adopted.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation notices, viz:

"Application to have the southerly side of South Third street, between the westerly side of Jersey Avenue and the easterly side of Monmouth street graded for side walk, and side walk laid four feet in width."

"Confirmation of Assessment for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets."

A report was presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, of the following resignation, and elections of members thereof:

Resignation of Joel C. Potter, as a member of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Election to membership by Phœnix Hose Company No. 2, of George Whitlock, Smith Hammore, William P. Bagley and James Williams.

On motion of Ald. Brower it was

Resolved, That the proper entry of the resignation be made; that the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership issued by the City Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Low the rules requiring a balloting were dispensed with, and Apollos B. Wilcox of the Third Ward, was *viva voce* appointed a member of the Board of Education, in the place of Louis B. Cobb, resigned.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant for forty-five dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Committee on Fire and Water, to be accounted for by them.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to audit claims, and the following, which were referred to the committee on claims on the 7th instant, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of George Coleman & Co., $15 75; John Crummey, $34 89; Drayton & Durant, $64 90; D. C. Gardner, $12 50; Ingham & Hall, $6 64; George Duncan, $12 75; W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $25; James Wiley, $9; A. R. Merlett, $180 84, and M. Williams, $276.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, James and Rappleyea.

Ald. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for twelve hundred and seventy dollars, in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings, to be appropriated to the payment of the balance due on the contract for building Engine House in Essex street.

The resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special Meeting at the City Clerk's office, Friday, February 24th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Hill, Edge, and Miller, for the purpose of considering the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Slater and Whitlock, were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Narine.

On motion of Ald. Miller, Ald. Lyon was appointed President, *pro tempore*.

The call of the meeting was read.

Ald. Hill from the special Committee on amendments to the City Charter, made a verbal report on the subject, and submitted the proposed "supplement to the charter," with certain amendments engrossed therein, agreed upon by said commitee and the representatives of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company.

(Ald. Slater appeared and took his seat.)

The supplement was read throughout.

On motion of Ald. Miller, the Board took a recess for half an hour.

On the reassembling of the Board, Ald. Whitlock and Gardner appeared and took their seats.

The supplement was read and considered by sections.

Ald. Hill moved to amend the first section by adding to it the words, "which line shall not extend beyond the line heretofore fixed by ordinances for the construction of docks, wharves and piers by the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company."

The motion to amend was rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Low and Brower:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon and Slater.

Nays—Ald. Low, Miller, Rappleyea Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James and Narine.

Ald. Miller moved, "That the first, second and third sections of the proposed amendments be stricken out."

The motion was rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Gardner and Hill:

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Low, Miller and Slater.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Lyon, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James and Narine.

(Ald. Tyrrell obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Brower the vote was reconsidered by which the amendment offered by Ald. Hill to the first section, was rejected, viz:

The amendment was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Rappleyea and White.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea, Slater, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James Narine, and Tyrrell.

Ald. Low moved to strike out Section 2.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Brower, Gardner and Miller.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Low and Miller.

Nays—Ald. Gardner, Lyon, Rappleyea, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James, Narine and Tyrrell.

Ald. Low moved to strike out Section 3.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Low, Edge and Whitlock.

Yeas—Ald. Low and Miller.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James, Narine and Tyrrell.

Sections 4 and 5 were approved.

(Ald. Cleveland appeared and took his seat.)

Ald. Brower moved to amend section six by striking out the words "City Hall."

The amendment was rejected, the following being the vote on the motion to adopt it, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Brower, Low and White.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Slater and White.

Nays—Ald. Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Absent—The President and Ald. James, Narine and Tyrrell.

Sections 7, 8 and 9 were approved.

Ald. Low offered the following preamble and resolution, which were decided to be out of order, for the reason that the meeting having been called for the purpose of considering the amendments to the city charter, the business must be confined to that specified in the call.

Whereas, A resolution was adopted by this Board at a special meeting held for that purpose, on the 13th of February instant, requesting his Honor the Mayor to call a public meeting of the citizens of this city, for the purpose of considering a bill pending before the Legislature, to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company; which was alleged to affect the interests of Jersey City, in relation to the water front, and

Whereas, In accordance with said resolution, a meeting of the citizens was held in the Dutch Reformed Church on the 14th instant, and after full discussion, a preamble and resolution were adopted approving of the provisions of the said bill, therefore

Resolved, That this Common Council cordially approve the resolution passed by said meeting, and hereby request our members of the Assembly from this county to advocate the passage of said bill.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and affix the seal of the city thereto, and forward them to our representatives at Trenton.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, March 7th, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Low was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. James was appointed President *pro tem.*

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from Georgiana Steuart de Chacon complaining of a nuisance, caused by the placing of filthy rags in front of the "Thatched Cottage" in Essex street. Ref. to committee on public health.

Petition of Hugh Keenan and Edward Carey, for the removal of a nuisance in Mercer street, between Henderson and Grove streets, caused by sunken lots. Ref. to committee on public health.

Petition of Andrew Clerk and Robert C Bacot, for permission to fill up Harsimus street, from Prospect street and the Bulk head, or two hundred feet easterly of the easterly line of Warren street, under the direction of the committee on streets. Prayer of petitioners granted.

Petition of Andrew Clerk and others, to have a main sewer built in conformity with the plan of sewerage recommended by the Water Commissioners, in Essex, Van Vorst, Grand, and Bright streets, etc. Ref. to committee on sewers, and the third Tuesday in March instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., as the time for hearing and considering objections to the application, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice thereof.

Petition of William Keeney and John R. Halliday, to have South First street, from Grove to Erie street, graded, regulated, paved, curbed and guttered, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of John R. Halliday and others, to have lamps placed at the corners of Jersey avenue and South Second street, South Third and South Fourth streets, and Coles and South Third, South Fourth and South Fifth streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of James Hall and others, for the removal of buildings near No. 60 etc. Newark avenue, so as to place them on a line with the adjoining buildings. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Communication of Jacob Erwin and others, complaining of the assessment for the filling in of Steuben street, between Warren and Prospect streets. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Charles P. Fielder and others, to have routes established for the Omnibus lines. Laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. F, Richardson, $8; G. Morrow, $5 75, and W. D. Stivers, $2 58. Ref. to Committee on watch.

Of Ingham & Hall, $5 26; John Crummey, $19 15; Drayton & Durant, $71 94; M. Williams, $137 81; The American Pottery Manufacturing Company, $3 75; D. C. Gardner, $2 50; Doyle & Brady, $23; S. Billington, $6; S. Billington, $3; and Edward Hope, Jr., $6. Ref to committee on alms.

Of Ingham & Hall, $2 63, and Sunday Policeman, $38. Ref. to committee on police and licences.

Of Alexander Love, $5, and R. B. Earle, & Co., $81 81. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of Hugh Billingsley, $20, and James McDonald, $20. Ref. to committee on lamps.

The Committee on salaries, offices, and elections, returned the claim of Messrs. Clerk, Hutton and Brady, for $50, referred to that Committeee on the 21st February last, and the claim was referred to the committee on finance.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct for the following named amounts, respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of J. F. Richardson, $20; John Francisco, $31; William Eaton, $20; Alexander Love, $400; G. Morrow, $132 35; City Watchmen, $674 34; Wm. Good, $2; Geo Morrow, $6; Nathl Ellis, $40 42, and J. F. Richardson, $2 62.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts, respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of George Ford, $12 28; S. H. Many, $29 93; Chas. M. Holmes, $33 75; Moses Sweet, $14 20; Saml. M. Many, $1 38; L. A. Pratt & Co., $10 25; Chas. M. Holmes, $29 76; Thos. Newham, $22 75; Cronham & Wetterson, $5 62; J. F. Trippe, $15; Isaac Morrow, $22 50; Chas. Fink, $12; George Ford, $26 25; Saml. Anness, $26 25; J. Wilson $4 75; Cronham & Wetterson, $10 10; Isaac Morrow, $26 50; R. & J. McLaughlin, $40 60; Hugh Billingsly, $40; John F. Richardson, $8 10; Chas. M. Holmes, $21 50, and Wm. Pitcher, $2 50.

The Committee on Finance reported adversely to payment of the claim of Joseph Young, amounting to $75, for services as Comptroller, referred to the committee on the 7th ultimo Report received, and committee discharged from further consideration of the claim.

The following claims for work and materials on paving etc., of Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets, referred to the committee on streets on the 7th February last, were reported correct and then referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed:

Of Clerk & Bacot, $15; John Arbuckle, $307 42; and William Moore, $8 75.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That Louis B. Cobb, Simon F. Noyes, and David Bedford, be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost and expenses of paving etc., of Barrow street betwoen Bright and Grand streets.

The Committee on Streets reported as correct the claim of G. E. Winants, for $6.056 40, for filling in of Morgan street, between Washington and Prospect streets, and as correct for the amount on the assessment book, the claim of John Bevan for $200 for surveys of Morgan street, between Washington and Prospect streets, referred to the said committee on the 7th ultimo, and the claims were then referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referre on the 18th October last, the statement of the com-

mittee on streets of the expenditures made by them under appropriations made in favor of said committee, reported the same correct, and recommended that the amount be placed to the credit of the committee on streets. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 7th February last the city treasurer's report for January 1854, reported the same as correct. Report of the committee received, and the city treasurer's report ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented the following entitled ordinance, viz., "An ordinance to provide for the filling in of sunken lots on the north side of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Coles street." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 3d January last for amendment, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for opening and altering Jersey avenue, south of Newark avenue and north of the New Jersey Railroad, so as to make Jersey avenue run into Jersey street," reported the following entitled ordinance in lieu thereof, viz., "An ordinance to provide for the extending and opening of Jersey street from its present termination, so as to make said street run into Jersey avenue at the northerly side of South Eighth street." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Hill, leave was granted to William Roosevelt and Simon F. Hillyer to withdraw their petition presented on the 21st February last, to have South Third street paved between Coles and Monmouth streets, the petitioners desiring to withdraw said petition.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 21st February last the petition of George McLaughlin, for the removal of a street sign in Grove street, reported in favor of having an ordinance drafted by the committee on laws and ordinances, to meet this and similar cases. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances, with instructions to report such an ordinance.

Ald. Hill from the committee on streets, reported the following entitled ordinances, and the same were laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, and flagging four feet wide, the south side of South 3d street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street."

"An ordinance to alter the grade of that part of Morgan street, between Provost street and Prospect street."

"An ordinance to provide for opening Colgate street northwardly, until it intersects Brunswick street."

"An ordinance to provide for the opening of Varick street northward, until it shall intersect Coles street."

"An ordinance to provide for the opening of Putnam street northwardly, until it intersects Monmouth street."

The Committee on Assessments presented a report on the communications referred to them on the 4th and 18th October last, objecting to the confirmation of the assessment for the filling in of Morgan street, between Prospect and Warren streets, accompanied by affidavits in relation thereto: the report setting forth that the committee do not find any reasons in said communications and affidavits, which would justify any disturbance of that assessment.

(Ald. Low appeared and took his seat.)

Ald. Miller moved "That the report be accepted, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Brower, Narine and Lyon.

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Brower, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland.

On motion of Ald. Narine the assessment for the filling in of Morgan street, between Prospect and Warren streets, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

On the re-assembling of the Board Ald. Narine offered the following resolution in relation to the Morgan street assessment.

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling in of Morgan street, between Prospect street and Warren street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea and Slater.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland.

The Committee on Streets presented a report and the following resolution on the subject of the memorial of the Reformed Dutch Church, in relation to their new church edifice in Grand street, referred to said committee on the 21st ultimo.

Resolved, That the permission and consent of the Common Council of Jersey City be, and the same is hereby given, to the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Jersey City, to continue the buttresses of their new church edifice, now erecting, as the same have been located and are now constructing.

Ald. Hill moved that the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Lyon:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland.

The City Treasurer's report for February 1854, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st March instant of $2,000 belonging to the assessment account, and of $2,915 22 for the payment of warrants. Ref. to committee on finance.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor filed in the City Clerk's office on this day, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council,

Resolved, That two per cent, be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, and that said assessment be confirmed.

MAYOR'S OFFICE
Jersey City, March 7, 1824

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I received on the 28th ult., a resolution adopted by your Honorable Body on the 21st of the same month, confirming the assessment for the improvement of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, which is herewith returned without my approval.

Since the resolution has been officially before me, it has been represented to me by a number of highly respectable citizens interested in the improvement, that errors exist in the assessment, and desire that an opportunity may be offered them to be heard in relation thereto, some of whom assigning as a reason for not remonstrating against the assessment, that the published notice for objections entirely escaped their notice, while others allege that they had understood there was to have been a hearing before the assessment committee prior to its being confirmed, under these circumstances, I feel that the matter should be fully investigated by your Honorable Body; it is due to the parties claiming to be aggrieved, as well as to the reputation of the surveyor and commissioners, that such a course should be taken.

There is another and serious objection to the resolution before me, confirming the assessment under consideration. The commissioners or assessors in making their map and assessment of the lots benefitted by the improvement, have not designated them by the street or assessment numbers, by which they have heretofore been conveyed, taxed, and known, as by reference to their map and report will appear; but have designated them by arbitrary numbers, different entirely from the street numbers by which the lots are held and known, and in several instances they have coupled a number of lots together, and assessed them as one. This street is already in a condition for another expensive filling to bring it up to the grade, and should every new assessment create a new series of assessment numbers, and the lots sold for the assessments, as is frequently the case, it must lead to serious and interminable difficulties. If there was no other objection raised to the assessment, this alone in my judgement, demands that it should be recommitted and renumbered to conform to the street numbers. I therefore, with this brief communication return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Lyon moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor." The resolution was laid upon the table.

(Ald. Tyrrell obtained leave and retired.)

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz:

"Application to have the grade of Morgan street altered according to a profile map in the City Clerk's office."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South Ninth street" Reports received and ordered filed.

A report by the Collector of arrears of taxes, of the names of delinquent tax-payers for 1853, was presented and referred to the committee on finance, with power to advertize and sell according to law, the property described in the report.

A report by the chief engineer of the fire department of the following elections and expulsions of members of that department, was presented.

Election of John Hardy and George Heins by Engine Company No. 3.

Election of C. Van Buskirk, and expulsion of G. W. Coombs, by Diligent Hose Company No. 3.

On motion of Ald. Brower it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership be issued, and that the name of the expelled member be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

Ald Lyon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be, and they are hereby, instructed to prepare and publish in the corporation paper, the annual financial statement required by the 37th section of the charter.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Lyon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That on Thursday, March 30th instant, the Common Council will meet at the City Clerk's office at five o'clock P. M., for the purpose of auditing all claims and demands against the city, which have not been audited, and which may be presented at that time for such auditing, and that the City Clerk be directed to publish notice in the corporation paper of such meeting, and the purpose for which it will be held, from the present time up to said 30th March instant

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Lyon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be, and they are hereby, instructed to give notice, without delay, through the corporation paper, as required by the city charter, of the expiration of the time limited for the redemption of lands sold by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City on the twentieth day of May and twenty-first day of June, 1852, for taxes, and on the twentieth day of May, 1852, for unpaid assessments, which are uncanceled of record, and that said committee are authorized to have a list of such sales, prepared for the purpose of such advertisement.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Lyon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be, and the same are hereby designated as the places in the several Wards of the City for holding the approaching charter election, and that the City Clerk be directed to publish in the corporation paper, from the present time up to the day of said election, notice of the appointment of such places:

First Ward—Engine House in Morris street, between Washington and Greene streets.

Second Ward—Engine House at junction of York and Gregory streets.

Third Ward—Engine House in Mercer street, near Grove street.

Fourth Ward—Engine House in Michigan street, near Newark avenue.

Ald. White moved to amend the resolution by changing the place of holding the election in the Third Ward, to the watch house in Henderson st. The amendment was lost.

Ald. Hill moved to amend so as to appoint the "Weavers arms" as the place of holding the election in the Third Ward.

The amendment was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Low and Rappleyea:

Yeas—Ald. Gardner, Hill, Low, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Edge, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea and Slater.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Ald. Hill moved to amend the resolution so as to read, "That the election in the Third Ward be held on the Public Square, and that a shanty be built on said square for that purpose." The amendment was lost.

Ald. White moved to amend the resolution so as to read, "That the election in the Third Ward be held in the building in Grove street, between Mercer and Montgomery streets, formerly occupied by William Rosevelt." The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Ald. James offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to advertize and sell, according to law, all lands and real estate, upon which any tax or assessment is due, and unpaid, and which have been duly demanded.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Edge, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Friday, the 10th instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking up and considering the Steuben street assessment

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for paving, etc., of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South Ninth street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for two thousand sixty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents, in sums of not less than five hundred dollars each, being the balance of the amount of his bill for paving, etc., of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South Ninth street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Clerk & Bacot for one hundred and seventy-five dollars, being the amount of their bill for survey, assessment maps, etc., of regulation of Erie street, from Pavonia avenue to Michigan or South Ninth street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of William Moore for one hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the grading, curbing etc., of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and South 9th street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, White and Whitlock.

Nays.—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Tyrrell.

On motion of Ald. Miller the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Friday, March 10th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, James, Low, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, Hill, Miller, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Low, Ald. Lyon was appointed President *pro tempore*.

On motion of Ald. James, the "objections" of his Honor the Mayor to approving the resolution confirming the assessment for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, and the motion of Ald. Lyon, in relation to the same, laid upon the table at the meeting held on the 7th inst., were taken up for consideration.

The motion of Ald. Lyon being as follows: "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Moyor."

Mr. Bevan, the Surveyor on the work, being present, Ald. Slater moved "That Mr. Bevan, the Surveyor on the assessment, before the Board, be requested to give explanations in relation to it." The motion was lost.

The motion of Ald. Lyon was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yea—Ald. Narine.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, James, Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Ald. Edge not voting, having been excused from doing so, being interested in the assessment.

On motion of Ald. Low, it was

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred back to the Assessors to make a new assessment, and that the map be referred back to the Surveyor to make a new map, according to law.

On motion of Ald. James, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY. City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, Monday, March 13th, 1854, called by his Honor the Mayor at the request of Ald. Rappleyea, Edge, Brower and Narine, "for the purpose of considering the matter of making an appropriation toward the erection and completion of Engine House No. 2, situated in Essex street, and considering what further action may be necessary in relation to the proposed amendments to City Charter now pending before the Legislature, and acting on said objects."

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, James, Low and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Lyon was appointed President *pro tem.*

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the resolution presented by Ald. Miller, and laid upon the table on the 21st ultimo, appropriating twelve hundred and seventy dollars to be paid on contract for building Engine House in Essex street, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the resolution was amended by the insertion of "eight hundred dollars" as the amount of appropriation instead of the amount named in the resolution.

The resolution as amended was then adopted, and as adopted is as follows:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for eight hundred dollars, in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings, to be appropriated to the payment of the balance due on the contract for building Engine House in Essex street.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the proposed amendments to the city charter were taken up for consideration, and read.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 10th sections of the act containing said amendments were stricken out.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That the special committee of this Common Council having in charge the application the amendments to the city charter, be instructed to endeavor to procure the passage of the amendatory act, with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 10th sections stricken out, and to withhold their consent from any other amendments which may be proposed to said act, and failing their efforts to obtain the act as desired by this Common Council, to withdraw the whole act from before the Legislature.

A communication from Liberty Fire Engine Co. No. 1, inviting the Mayor and Common Council to attend the invitation ball of that Company at the Hudson House, on the evening of the 15th instant, was presented and accepted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, March 21st, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Hill, Ald. Lyon was appointed President, pro tempore.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 7th, 10th, and 13th inst., were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Thomas Weldon and others, for the appointment of William Bavier as a city Auctioneer.—Ref. to committtee on police and licenses.

Petition of Headden & Hughes and others, to have so much of South Fourth street, lying west of Erie street, and east of Coles street, as is not already graded, etc., graded, paved, curbed, guttered, and flagged with a four feet flagging. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Louis B. Cobb and others, for permission to sink a well in South 3d street, between Coles and Monmouth streets, under the direction of the committee on fire and water, and to have the water pipes extended from the point where they are laid at Coles street, through South 3d to Monmouth streets. Ref. to committee on fire and water, subsequently said committee reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the report was accepted and adopted.

Communication from David Bedford, proposing to lease to the city a public yard. Ref. to committee on streets with power.

Petition of Jacob Z. Marinus and others to have Montgomery street, between Henderson and Van Vorst streets, regulated and paved, and curb and gutter reset where it is required. Ref to committee on streets.

Petition of John O'Neil and other licensed cartmen, for an alteration in the ordinance relating to cartmen, so as to enable them to receive a more adequate compensation for their labor. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances, with instructions to report an ordinance in conformity with the prayer of the petitioners.

Petition of Smith Mead and others to be organized into a hose company, and to have a hose carriage placed under their charge. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Resignation of William C. Morris as a member of the Board of Education. Received and ordered filed.

Communication of Erwin J. Crane, complaining of a nuisance, caused by a stable adjoining his lot in Warren street. Ref. to joint committee on public health and laws and ordinances.

Petition of Hugh McComb and others, in favor of the proposed alteration of the grade of Morgan st.—Laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Patrick Burns, $1 50. Ref. to committee on amendments to city charter.

Of J. W. Strober, $17 50; Thomas Newham, $13 38; John H. Sickels $363 50; H. A. Miller, & co. $10 62; Daniel Keenan, $8 25; Daniel Keenan, $7 92; W. L. Ormsby, $15; John H. Sickels, $135 50; and John H. Wines, $506 73. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of L. A. Pratt & Co., $11; and "Assessment for regulation of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan street," $59 03. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Samuel Ashcroft, $3 07. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Edgar Morris, $3 75. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of G. E. Winants, $5,859 42; and J. Bevan, $177 06. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of John V. Metlar, $18 88; John S. Mark, $21 50; J. W. Strober, $3 40; J. Wilson, $3; George Ford, $30 42; and J. & W. Van Cleve, $3. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of James McDonald, $20; and R. & J. McLaughlin, $198 74. Ref. to committee on lamps, subsequently reported correct, the rules having been suspended to enable the Board to audit the claims, and the same were ordered paid.

Of George W. Cassedy, $23 20. Ref. to committee on finance, subsequently reported correct and ordered paid, the rules having been suspended for the purpose of enabling the Board to audit the claim.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committes at previous meetings of the Board, were reported for the following amounts; the rules were suspended to allow the auditing of the claims, and the amounts for which the same were reported correct were ordered paid, viz.:

Of the American Pottery Co., $3 75; Drayton & Durant, $71 94; S. Billington, $6; Doyle & Brady, $23; S. Billington, $3; M. Williams, $137 81; D. C. Gardner, $2 50; John Crummy, $19 15; Edward Hope, jun., $6; Ingham & Hall, $5 26; Hugh Billingsley, $20; Jamee McDonald, $20; Sunday Policemen, $38; Ingham & Hall, $2 63; and Messrs. Clerk, Hutton Brady, for $30.

The Special Committee appointed to procure the passage, by the Legislature, of the amendments to the City Charter, presented a report in relation to the expenses of the committee, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved. That a warrant be drawn in favor of the chairman of the special committee on charter amendments, for one hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty-eight cents.

Report received and resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on plan of sewerage, appointed December 6th, 1863, presented a communication from John B. Jervis relative to said plan, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be issued for one hundred dollars in favor of the committee on the plan of sewerage proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners, for the purpose of paying Col. J. B. Jervis for his conference and opinion upon that subject.

The communication of Mr. Jervis was ordered filed, and the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Streets presented a claim of William Moore, amounting to $118 25, for repairs in different streets over the gas pipes; and the same was referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to collect the amount of the claim of the Jersey City Gas Company.

The Committee on Finance presented "Declarations of Sale" of property sold at the corporation sale

for assessments on the 8th instant, and on motion of Ald. James it was

Resolved, That the Declarations of Sale be approved, and that the same be executed on the part of the city by his honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed to each one of the same by the City Clerk.

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying cross-walks four feet wide in Henderson street, from Newark avenue to Grand street."

The Committee on Assessments presented the assessment for "filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect street," and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Oity Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the Assessors report and map for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber on the first Tuesday in April next at 7½ o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments returned the claim of G. E. Winants, amounting to $6056 40, for filling in Morgan street, between Washington and Prospect streets, and the claim of John Bevan, amounting to $200, for surveys on same work, referred to said committee on the 7th inst. The claims were referred back to the commitee on streets.

(Ald. James obtained leave and retired.)

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred on the 7th inst., the communication of Georgianna Stewart DeChacon, complaing of a nuisance in the rear of the Thatched Cottage Garden, in Essex street, reported that the nuisance has been abated.—Report received, and Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred on the 7th inst., the petition of Hugh Keenan and Edward Carey, for the removal of a nuisance in Mercer street, caused by sunken lots, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and of referring the subject to the committee on laws and ordinances with instructions to report an ordinance conformably to the prayer of the petitioners. Report received and recommendation therein adopted.

(Ald. Gardner obtained leave and retired.)

Requisitions from the Board of Education, for payment of the following claims were presented, and warrants for the amounts of the same were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants respectively named:

Of C. M. Holmes, $26 25; S. Ashcroft, $10; A. Anderson, $27 69; B. R. Wakeman, $34 13; C. Van Vorst, $187 50; F. Anness, $6; Mason & Brothers, $50; Geo. Savage. $28 80; Daily Telegraph, $14 75; James Flemming, $200; James Flemming, jr., $10 25; and Nicholas Johnson, $3.

The annual Report of the City Treasurer, for the fiscal year, ending March 15th, 1854, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office this day, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council:

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Arbuckle, for two thousand sixty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents, in sums of not less than five hundred dollars each, being the balance of the amount of his bill for paving, etc, of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan or South-ninth street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
March 21st, 1854.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:—

I have received, and return without my approval, a resolution directing "Improvement certificates to be issued in favor of John Arbuckle for two thousand and sixty-nine 89-100 dollars, being the balance of amount of his bill for paving, &c., Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan street."

On examination I find the resolution does not conform to the facts in the case, as the balance due Mr. Arbuckle on account of his contract for said work, is one thousand dollars more than the balance specified in the resolution before me.

This mistake has undoubtedly grown out of the circumstance that some two months since your Honorable Body ordered, by resolution, a payment to Mr. Arbuckle of some ten hundred dollars, on account of said work, more than he was entitled to by the terms of his contract, which resolution was returned with my objections, sustained by your Honorable Body. As you then, gentlemen, concurred with me in adhering strictly to the letter of the contract, so also now I have no doubt that you will concede with me the propriety of returning the resolution for reconsideration and correction, that the contractor may be paid his correct and just balance, with the least possible delay.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Narine moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon. Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

The following message from his honor the Mayor filed in the City Clerk's office this day, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, March 21, 1854.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I received on the 13th instant a resolution passed by your honorable body on the 7th instant, confirming the assessment for filling Morgan street, between Prospect and Warren sts.

Before this resolution was presented to me officially, I represented to the members of the assessment committee, as well as other members of the board, that similar objections to those raised to the resolution confirming the assessment of Steuben street, would apply with equal force to this, and requested the reconsideration of the resolution while it was yet in the power of the board, under the charter, that the assessment might be divested of its objectional features, and made as perfect as possible before receiving the action of the mayor; such seemed to me to be the dictate of prudence, considering the difficulties by which this matter was surrounded, and the true course for us to pursue as guardians of the public interests; such a course, however, has not been pursued, and I am therefore, from a sense of duty, compelled to return the resolution with my objections.

The ordinance authorizing the improvement in question directs that Morgan street be filled to the grade, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the *westerly side of Warren street*, and the work to be done under the direction of the committee on streets, and a contract was entered into with G. P. Winans for the execution of the work under the requirements of the ordinance.

I find on examination that the contractor has filled in the intersection of Warren and Morgan street to the easterly side of Warren street, which was not provided for by the ordin-

ance, or required by his contract, and this heavy intersection entirely outside of the ordinance, has been included by the commissioners in the assessment, which, in my judgment, is not only a departure from common usage, but in direct conflict with the city charter.

I have made a cursory examination of the matter contained in the several affidavits, touching this assessment, as well as the remonstrance presented to your Honorable Body, against its confirmation, setting forth not only the overcharge for filling, but that the street has never been filled to the grade, as required by the ordinance. These papers contain matters worthy of investigation.

There is another and fatal objection to the resolution confirming the assessment under consideration The Commissioners, in making their Report and Map of the property benefitted by the improvement, have not only designated the lots by arbitrary numbers, without reference to the regular street and assessment numbers, but have actually changed the size of the lots, thereby altering their locality, and making two lots less on the south side of Morgan street than there are on Smith's map. I represented this to the Surveyor, and he informed me that he had made the map from actual survey, and had made the lots 25 feet front on certain unimproved portions of the street, which lots proved to be 20 feet front on Smith's map. This error may not alter the amount of filling in the aggregate, but will increase it on some of the parties assessed, while it will diminish the amount on others.

Under these circumstances, I return the resolution for reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Low moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, by a two thirds vote, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low. Miller, Narine and Slater.

Nays—Ald. Brower, Lyon, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald Gardner, and James.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation notices, viz:

"Application to have South Third street, between Coles and Monmouth streets, filled to the established grade, curbed and guttered, side walks four feet wide laid thereon, and bridge stone cross walks laid at all the intersections."

"Application to have Henderson street, between Newark avenue and Grand street. paved, curbed and guttered, and bridge stone cross walks, and side walks, four feet wide laid."

"Application to have a main sewer built in conformity with the plan of sewerage recommended by the Water Commissioners, and adopted by the Common Council. commencing on the Hudson river. at the foot of Essex street; from thence extending westerly through Essex street into Van Vorst street, from thence northerly through Van Vorst into Grand street; from thence westerly through Grand street into Bright street, formerly Grand street, thence westerly through Bright street to the west side of Barrow street, etc.

Reports received, and ordered filed.

A report by Collector of Assessments of unpaid assessments for "regulating South Eighth street, between Newark avenue and Brunswick street," was presented, and on motion of Ald Low it was

Resolved, That the list be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to advertise the property and sell the same according to law, in case of non-payment of the amounts due on the same for said assessment.

Leases prepared by the City Attorney, from this Corporation to John J. Wanner, for lot No. 4 Newark avenue, on Block No 6, and for lot No. 3 Washington street on block No. 32, were presented, and ordered to be executed by his Honor the Mayor, and by the City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city.

A copy of a perpetual injunction out of the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, restraining the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, from assessing or imposing any tax upon the property of the Paterson and Hudson river Railroad Company at Jersey City, and a claim of A. C. M. Pennington, Esq., for taxed costs in the suit in chancery brought by said company against this corporation, amounting to $86 63, were presented and referred to the committee on laws and ordinances.

Ald. Hill presented the following preamble and resolution:

Wheaeas, John Arbuckle has failed to comply with the conditions of his contracts, entered into with the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, on the 16th August last, for the regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks in South Eighth street, from the Westerly line of Grove street, to the northerly line of Newark avenue; and on the 6th September last, for regulating, curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks, and flagging the side-walks in South Sixth street between Jersey Avenue and Newark avenue, and for flagging the side walks on the south side of South Third street, between Grove and Erie streets; therefore

Resolved, That said contracts be, and the same are hereby aunulled and rescinded, and the Committee on Streets are authorized to advertise anew for proposals for contracts to do the work contemplated in said improvements, and are directed to submit such proposals when received to this Board for its action,

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred on the 7th instant the petition of Andrew Clerk and others for the construction of sewers in Essex, Van Vorst, Grend and Bright streets, presented a report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the board of water commissioners to construct the sewer petitioned for by Andrew Clerk and others on the 7th March, 1854, to commence at the Hudson river, foot of Essex street, from thence extending westerly through Essex street and Van Vorst street, from thence northerly through Van Vorst street into Grand street, from thence westerly through Grand street into Bright street, formerly Grand street, thence westerly through Bright street to the westerly side of Barrow street, together with all the tribntary sewers, receiving basins, culverts etc., in York, Barrow, Grove and Henderson streets, and to continue the same thro' Bright street to the Mill Creek, as the same may be determined by the said board of water commissioners, together with the necessary tide gates, sluices etc., agreeable to the plan of sewerage heretofore adopted, and to assess the expenses of the same upon the property benefitted thereby.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

Ald. Miller presented the following resolution for Ald. James:

Resolved, That the committed on public grounds and buildings be instructed to make out, and present to the next regular meeting, a detailed account of all the real estate and personal property (not including fire engines and apparatus) belonging to this city, together with an estimate of the value thereof, as near as may be.

Ald. Miller presented the following resolution for Ald. James:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be instructed to make out and present to the next regular meeting, a detailed account of all the fire engines, hose carriages, hooks and ladders, and other fire apparatus belonging to the city, together with an estimate of the value thereof, as near as may be.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for four hundred dollars, in favor of Committee on Streets, to be appropriated for repairs to streets, and to be hereafter accounted for by said committee.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be granted to Jacob M. Merseles to build a small shed near the foot of Bergen Hill, on the north side of Newark avenue, to be erected under the direction of the Committee on Streets, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorised to sell at public auction Engine House No. 2.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to alter the grade of that part of Morgan street lying between Provost street and Prospect street."

The blank in the ordinance was filled with the names of David B. Wakeman, Hervey M. Soule and Henry M. Traphagen, as the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for the extending and opening of Jersey street, from its present termination, so as to make said street run into Jersey avenue at the northerly side of South 8th street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Miller and Narine.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in and flagging, four feet wide, the south side of South 3d street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street."

The ordinance was passed by the following, being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, and guttering Jersey street, from Mercer street to the south side of Grand street, or so much thereof as has not already been filled, or curbed and guttered.

The ordinance was amended; and the title of the ordinance was amended, so as to read as follows, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing and guttering Jersey street, from Mercer street to Grand street, or the Plank Road, or so much thereof as has not already been filled, or curbed and guttered."

The ordinance, as amended, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald, Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, guttering and paving South Fifth street, between Erie street and the Hudson river, except that portion lying two hundred feet west of Prospect street,

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low. Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Ald. Miller not voting, having been excused by the Board, from doing so.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for curbing, guttering, laying side walk four feet wide, south side of Railroad avenue, between Grove and Gilbert streets."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Hudson street, between Essex street and the Canal basin, including the intersections, to the established grade, paved, curbed, guttered, cross-walks and side-walks laid at the intersections."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Bay street five feet above the meadows, for the distance of two hundred and fifty feet east of Prospect street, and the side walks flagged four feet in width on both sides."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Narine.

Ald. Miller not voting, having been excused by the Board from doing so.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the filling in of sunken lots on the north side of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Coles street."

The blank in the ordinance was filled with the names of Smith Mead, David Bedford, and Hervey M. Soule, as the commissioners of estimate and assessment on the improvement.

The ordinance was passed, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald, Brower, Cleveland, Fdge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the laying down of a sidewalk four feet wide, on the southerly side of Mercer street, between Barrow and Jersey streets."

The ordinance was amended; and the title amended so as to read as follows:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in and the laying down of a sidewalk four feet wide, on the southerly side of Mercer street, between Barrow and Jersey streets."

The ordinance, as amended, was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn for the sum of $470, for the purpose of paying balance due for building engine house No. 2, in Essex street, and that the same be drawn in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a lamp be placed in Morgan street, between Greene and Washington streets, under the direction of the committee on lamps

On motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the assessment for the "filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets," be referred back to the commissioners of estimate and assessment for re-assessment, and that the assessment map be referred back to the surveyor on the work with instructions to make a new map.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for three thousand and sixty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents, being the balance of the amount of his bill for paving etc., of Erie streets, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan, or South 9th street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner and James.

On motion of Ald Low the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance relative to bathing and indecent exposures."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, and James.

On motion of Ald. Edge the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY. City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Annual Auditing Meeting at the City Clerk's office Thursday, March 30th, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk at twenty minutes past 5 o'clock, P. M.

Present—Ald. Lyon and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Hill, Low, Miller, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

There being no quorum psesent, on motion of Ald. Lyon, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, April 4th, 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Hill, Low and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, Ald. Lyon was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting, held on the 21st ultimo, and of the annual auditing meeting held on the 30th ultimo, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Remonstrance of Hutton & Lacy, and others; of Jacob Erwin, of W. R. Drayton, and of P. M. Haverty, against the confirmation of the assessment for the filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Petition of James F. Bache against the issuing of a lease to John J. Wanner for lot No. 3 Washington street, on block 32. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Resignation of J. F. Richardson as lamp lighter in the Third Ward. Received and ordered filed.

Semi-annual report of William Pile, as City Auctioneer, to November 1st 1853. Ref. to committee on finance.

Petition of Michael Mullone for remission of amount paid by him, through mistake, on a lot owned by another person, for assessment for curbing and guttering in Warren street. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Michael Mullone to have Mercer st., from Washington to Warren streets, filled up to the established grade, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Stephen Garretson and others, to have the Public Square in the Fourth Ward, regulated, graded, fenced, etc. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Petition of George Duncan and others, to have Gregory street, from the intersection of Montgomery and Van Vorst streets to Henderson street, raised to the established grade, paved, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of B. W. Ryder for permission to put down a different sized flag in Morgan and Coles streets, from that required by the terms of his contract. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of David Jones and others, for the erection of a bridge, over a pit fall in Barrow street in the Third Ward. Laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of William Howeth, $10 92; Drayton & Durant, $62 37; John Crummey, $17 41; Ingham & Hall, $2 63; G. Conkling, $8; M. Williams, $142 75; W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $58 51; and A. R. Merlett, $196 91. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of C. H. Winfield, $4 70. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of R. B. Kashow, $96 38; and S. Quaife, $20. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of George Morrow, $3 50; and J. B. Stone, $25. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of Hugh Billingsley, $40; George Morrow, $149 07; and Hugh Billingsley, $40. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of George Morrow, $3 75; and Sunday Policemen, $38. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of Marshall & Morris, $36 63; John H. Sickels, $653 38; John Jelly, $4; T. Newham, $32 50; and W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $18 48. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct for the following named amounts, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz:—

Nathaniel Ellis, $62 50; City Watchmen, $674 14; Reily & Doyle, $2 53; John L. Burst, $9 31; B. R. Wakeman, $3 63; Wm. Hanks, $45 76; B. R. Wakeman, $15 31, and Nathaniel Ellis, $38 59.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following amounts, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz.:

A. S. Pennington, $86 63; John F. Richardson, $3 79; J. Wilson, $3; John S. Mark, $21 50; J. & W. Van Cleef, $3; John V. Metlar, $18 88; George Ford, $30 42; G. Morrow, $5 75; J. R. Richardson, $8; W. D. Stivers, $2 58; G. Morrow, $6 75; J. W. Strober, $3 40; Samuel Ashcroft, $3 07; J. W. Strober, $17 50; L. A. Pratt, $11; Alex. Wines, $506 73; H. A. Miller, $10 62; Wm. L. Ormsby, $15; D. Keenan, $7 92; Thos. Newham, $13 38; Alex. Love, $5. and D. Keenan, $8 25.

The Committee on finance to whom was referred on the 21st ult., the claim of "Assessment for regulation of Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan street, amounting to $59 03 cents, reported the same as correct for $57 97 cents, (the collectors fees not allowed) and recommended that the City Comptroller be ordered to charge that amount to real estate account, and credit the assessment account by the same. Report recieved and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water, and Public Grounds and Buildings, presented reports of the valuation of the city property, in answer to resolutions of 21st ultimo. Reports received, and ordered to be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The City Treasurer's report for February 1854, showing a balance of $4915 22 in the treasury on the 1st of March, 1854, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The City Treasurer's report for March 1854, showing a balance of $1923 78 in the treasury on the first of April inst., all of which is subject to drafts for improvement certificates and redemption of lots, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented vouchers received by them for monies expended by them under warrants on the treasurer, ordered on the 18th November 1853, and 10th March 1854, and the same were referred to the committee on finance.

Ald. White from the committee on streets, presented sealed proposals for the contracts specified in the advertisement of said Committee, of March 13th, 1854 up to the present date, and offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the proposals be laid on the table, and the committee on streets be instructed to extend the time of receiving proposals until the next regular meeting of the Common Council, and that the parties

proposing have permission to put in other proposals if the specifications are altered.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Police and Licenses, to whom was referred on the 21st ultimo the petition of Thomas Weldon and others, for the appointment of William Baviers as a City Auctioneeer, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. Report received and recommendation adopted.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, notifying the Common Council of the suspension of James Carberry, a City watchman, on charges preferred against him by Charles Keenan, accompanied by a copy of the charges. Ref. to committee on watch.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz.:

"Confirmation of assessment for filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets.'

"Annual auditing meeting on the 30th March' 1854, at the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery, street, Jersey City, at 5 o'clock, P. M."

"Application to have South 1st street, from Grove street to Erie street, graded, regulated, paved, curbed and guttered, also to have so much of the sidewalk flagged on both sides of said street, between said Grove and Erie streets, four feet in width, as has not already been done." Reports received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk reported that he had received a note from David B. Wakeman, Esq., saying that he declines to act as commissioner of estimate and assessment of the cost and expenses of altering the grade of Morgan street, between Prospect street and Provost street.

On motion of Ald. White William Bumsted was appointed such commissioner in the place of David B. Wakeman.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the elections of the following named persons as members of Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, was presented and received, viz.:

Frank Johnson, Gilbert D. Jones, B. F. Grinnell, Charles H. Murry, J. C. Shaffer, and Frank Vanderbeek.

On motion of Ald. Brower the elections were approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued by the City Clerk.

Ald. James offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be authorized to borrow, for the use of the city, the sum of five thousand dollars, in anticipation of the taxes of 1853, yet to be collected; and also, the further sum of five thousand dollars, in anticipation of the taxes of 1854, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and that a bond, or bonds of the city, in the usual form, be executed and issued therefor, payable at the expiration of six months after the date thereof.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Hill, Low and Whitlock.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Assessments be authorized to procure a new assessment book for the filing of assessment maps of improvement, after the 1st of May next.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to have the assessment book of maps rebound in a substantial manner, with muslin to be placed on the back of each map, at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Miller, so much of the resolution adopted at the meeting of the 21st ultimo, ordering leases to be executed to John G. Wanner, for lot 3, in Washington street, in block 32, and 4, Newark avenue, on block 76, as relates to executing a lease for lot 3, Washington street, on block 32, was rescinded, and the lease was ordered to be laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Narine it was

Resolved, That the election in the First Ward, at the approaching charter election, be held at the Truck house of Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, in Sussex street, instead of the place heretofore appointed by the Common Council, and that the City Clerk be directed to publish in all of the City papers, notices of such change.

On motion of Ald. Brower, the rules requiring a balloting was suspended, anh Henry E. Insley was *viva voco* appointed a member of the Board of Education from the Third Ward, in the place of Wm. C. Morris, resigned.

Ald. Miller presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the filling up of sunken lots on the northerly side of Mercer street, between Henderson and Grove streets.

The ordinance was laid on the table.

Ald. Miller presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance for licensing and regulating the use of carts and carmen."

The ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. James the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Jersey City, the Board of City Canvassers met at the Common Council Chamber in the Lyceum, on Friday, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, at five o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Charter Election held on the eleventh day day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. James, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock, and George W. Cassedy, City Clerk.

The following named Judges of Election, from the several wards of the city, appeared and presented the requisite certificates of their appointments, viz.:

Thompson S. Dayton, from the First Ward.

John C. Robbins, from the Second Ward.

John B. Haight, from the Third Ward.

William A. Crawford, from the Fourth Ward.

The certificates were ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Gardner was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Ald. Cleveland and Low were absent from the meeting.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, Ald. James was appointed Chairman of the Board.

The Chairman administered to each of the other members of the Board, and to the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the city charter, and Ald. Slater administered to the Chairman of the Board the oath required of him by the city charter.

Thereupon the judges of election produced the original statements which had been delivered to them respectively, and laid the same before the Board.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That the misspelling of the name of a candidate voted for shall not deprive him of the vote so misspelled, but that where the intention of the voter is clear, the vote shall be given to the candidate for whom the same was intended.

Ald. Gardner appeared, took the oath required by the city charter, and took his seat as a member of the Board.

The Board then proceeded to canvass the votes given for the city and ward officers, mentioned in the statements of the election in the several wards of the city.

The Board then proceeded to make a statement and final declaration of the names of the persons who received the highest number of votes for each of the offices mentioned in the statements laid before the Board.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That the votes cast in the first ward for Edward T. Bailey, as judge of election, be given to Edmund T. Bailey, as the same were evidently intended for said Edmund T. Bailey.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That the votes in the second ward for John C. Robbins and Benjamin Haines, for judges of election, be declared null and void, for the reason that they acted as judges of election on the 11th instant.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That the votes cast in the fourth ward for J. J. Bouton, as judge of election, be given to John J. Bouton, as they were evidently intended for him; and that A. A. Paff be declared elected a judge of election in the said ward.

On motion of John B. Haight, the votes cast in the fourth ward for Edward Gough, as surveyor of highways, were declared null and void, for the reason that he acted as judge of election on the 11th instant.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers be authorized and directed to make out, sign, and publish a statement and final declaration of the result of the charter election held on the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, as made by this Board of City Canvassers.

On motion of Ald. White, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of this Board of Canvassers be directed to make out and present to the Common Council for payment, the claim of this Board for their services as City Canvassers.

The minutes of the Board were then read, and on motion of Ald. Gardner, the same were approved.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock, the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned sine die.

THOS. W. JAMES,
Chairman Board City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Clerk. of the Board of City Canvassers.

A STATEMENT

Of the result of an election held in Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday the eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, to elect City and Ward officers, made by the Board of City Canvassers for said city.

Whole number of votes cast in the First Ward 339
Whole number of votes cast in the Second Ward 335
Whole number of votes cast in the Third Ward 468
Whole number of votes cast in the Fourth Ward 373

Whole number of votes cast in the city 1515

Number of ballots rejected in the First Ward None.
Number of ballots rejected in the Second Ward, None
Number of ballots rejected in the Third Ward, Three
Number of ballots rejected in the Fourth Ward, None

Whole number of ballots rejected in the city, Three

FOR CITY OFFICERS.

For Mayor,

David S. Manners received in the 1st ward 216 votes
David S. Manners received in the 2d ward 241 votes
David S. Manners received in the 3d ward 289 votes
David S. Manners received in the 4th ward 258 votes

Total 1004 votes.

Alexander H. Wallis received in the First Ward, 117 votes.
Alexander H. Wallis received in the Second Ward, 83 votes.
Alexander H. Wallis received in the Third Ward, 171 votes.
Alexander H. Wallis received in the Fourth Ward, 114 votes.

Total, 485 votes.

D. S. Manners received in the First Ward 1 vote
William T. Rodgers received in the First Ward 2 votes
David Manners received in the First Ward 1 vote
D. S. Manners received in the Second Ward 5 votes
—Manners received in the Second Ward 1 vote
A. H. Wallis received in the Second Ward 1 vote
Nosey Elliot received in the Third Ward 1 vote
D. S. Manners received in the Fourth Ward 1 vote

Total scattering votes 13

For School Superintendent.

Lewis Colby received in the First Ward 333 votes
Lewis Colby received in the Second Ward 238 votes
Lewis Colby received in the Third Ward 466 votes
Lewis Colby received in the Fourth Ward 335 votes

Total 1372 votes

Lewis B. Colby received in Second Ward 89 votes
Lewis B. Colby received in the Fourth Ward 40 votes

Total 129 votes

For Collector

Phineas C. Dummer rec'd in the 1st ward 141 votes
Phineas C. Dummer rec'd in the 2nd ward 63 votes
Phineas C. Dummer received in the 3d ward 96 votes
Phineas C. Dummer received in the 4th ward 55 votes

Total, 355 votes

Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 1st ward 195 votes
Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 2d ward 266 votes
Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 3d ward 356 votes
Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 4th ward 318 votes

Total, 1135

P. C. Dummer received in the 1st ward 1 vote
P. C. Dummer received in the 2d ward 4 votes
Stephen Quaife received in the 3d ward 1 vote
George W. Gardner received in the 3d ward 1 vote

Total scattering votes, 7

For Assessors.

Isaac Van Saun received in the 1st ward 231 votes
Isaac Van Saun received in the 2d ward 231 votes
Isaac Van Saun received in the 3d ward 284 votes
Isaac Van Saun received in the 4th ward 215 votes

Total, 961 votes

Ira Clark received in the 1st ward 227 votes
Ira Clark received in the 2d ward 224 votes
Ira Clark received in the 3d ward 284 votes
Ira Clark received in the 4th ward 217 votes

Total, 952 votes

Samuel Bridgart received in the 1st ward 100 votes
Samuel Bridgart received in the 2d ward 102 votes
Samuel Bridgart received in the 3d ward 180 votes
Samuel Bridgart received in the 4th ward 160 votes

Total, 542 votes

Peter D. Vroom received in the 1st ward, 100 votes
Peter D. Vroom received in the 2nd ward, 93 votes
Peter D. Vroom received in the 3rd ward, 176 votes
Peter D. Vroom received in the 4th ward, 156 votes

Total, 525 votes

FOR WARD OFFICERS.

FIRST WARD.

For Aldermen.

Robert B. Kashow received 103 votes
William T. Rodgers received 113 votes
James S. Davenport received 202 votes
James R. Thompson received 231 votes
W. H. Decamp received 1 vote
John Griffith received 1 vote
J R. Ploms received 1 vote
John H. Lyon received 3 votes
Joseph G. Edge received 3 votes
Tom Broas received 1 vote

For Chosen Freeholders.

Peter D. Vroom received 111 votes
Ferdinand Thieriot received 93 votes
Minot C. Morgan received 218 votes
David Smith received 234 votes
Jacob J. Banta received 3 votes
Jacob A. Van Buskirk received 3 votes
Samuel A. French received 1 vote
S. A. French received 1 vote

For Commissioner of Appeals.

John M. Cornelison received 113 votes
George D. Lyman received 218 votes
David Scott received 3 votes

For Judges of Election.

William H. Gautier reseived 237 votes
Brenton B. Grinnell received 232 votes
Edward T. Bailey received 83 votes
Edmund T. Bailey 104 votes
Julien Chazotte received 95 votes
John O'Neil received 90 votes
David B. Wakeman received 145 votes
Joshua A. French received 3 votes
John C. Robbins received 3 votes
Hugh McComb received 1 vote
Benjamin Haines received 3 votes

For Justice of the Peace.

Thomas Weir received 95 votes
Joseph Young received 3 votes

For Ward Clerk.

Charles Mead received 95 votes
David W. Stone received 234 votes
Stephen H. Smith received 3 votes

For Constable.

Thomas J. Foot received 92 votes
John Cannon received 101 votes
Nathaniel Ellis received 230 votes
William A. Pollard received 3 votes

For Surveyors of Highways.

John Killan received 95 votes
Alexander McMullen received 95 votes
Samuel H. Many received 236 votes
John Perrine received 234 votes
Jarvis L. Ayres received 3 votes
William L. Shotwell received 3 votes
John D. Caffrey received 1 vote

For Pound Keeper.

John Y. Brown received 216 votes
Matthew Kelly received 90 votes
David Gould received 17 votes
John Brown received 1 vote

Samuel H. Many received	4 votes
John Y. Smith received	3 votes
Mat. Kelly received	1 vote

SECOND WARD.

For Aldermen.

John H. Lyon received	226 votes
Joseph G. Edge received	245 votes
John Griffith received	105 votes
William H. Horton received	54 votes
James S. Davenport received	2 votes
James R. Thompson received	2 votes
John Murshull received	1 vote
Henry A. Green received	1 vote
Selah Hill received	1 vote
J. Griffith received	1 vote
J. G. Edge received	1 vote
Joseph Edge received	1 vote
—Edge received	1 vote
Judge Griffith received	1 vote
J. H. Lyon received	1 vote
Richard R. Rappleyea received	1 vote
William Keeny received	1 vote
R. R. Rappleyea received	1 vote

For Chosen Freeholders

Jacob J. Banta received	217 votes
Jacob A. Van Buskirk received	87 votes
Samuel A. French received	242 votes
George E. Cutter received	77 votes
Jacob B. Schenk received	1 vote
Harvey M. Soule received	1 vote
Minot C. Morgan received	2 votes
David Smith received	2 votes
Nehemiah Knapp received	1 vote
James Gopsill received	1 vote

For Commissioner of appeals

David Scott received	223 votes
Henry French received	101 votes
Stephen Garreston received	1 vote
George D. Lyman received	2 votes
Charles M. Hankins received	1 vote

For Judges of Election.

Joshua A. French received	230 votes
John C. Robbins received	230 votes
Benjamin Haines received	233 votes
Hugh McComb received	96 votes
Benjamin Brady received	94 votes
James Jackson received	94 votes
A. A. Paff received	1 vote
J. J. Bouton received	1 vote
Josiah Topping received	1 vote
David B Wakeman received	2 votes
Wiiliam H. Gautier received	2 votes
Brenton B. Grinnell received	2 votes
John Vanderbelt received	2 votes
Edwin Topping received	1 vote
Philemon D. Haight received	1 vote
John Ayres received	1 vote

For Justice of the Peace.

Joseph Young received	233 votes
Thomas B. Kissam received	1 vote

For Ward Clerk.

Stephen H. Smith received	224 votes
John Wilson received	96 votes
Abm. Van Riper received	1 vote
James Flemming, junr., received	1 vote
David W. Stone received	2 votes
Frederick Kissam received	1 vote
James Wakefield received	1 vote

For Constable.

William A. Pollard received	221 votes
Thomas J. Foot received	1 vote
David Dould received	1 vote
Michael Kelly received	85 votes
John R. Benedict received	1 vote
W. A. Pollard received	1 vote
J. G. Edge received	1 vote
Mr. Chase received	1 vote
Nathaniel Ellis received	2 votes
Charles J. Farley received	1 vote

For Surveyors of Highways.

Jarvis L. Ayres received	225 votes
William B. Shotwell received	227 votes
Joseph W. Morgan received	92 votes
John D. Caffrey received	89 votes
James B. Durm received	1 vote
William H. Baker received	1 vote
W. B. Shotwell received	2 votes
Samuel H. Many received	3 votes
John Perrine received	2 votes
Wm. C. Hutton received	1 vote
James Rapp received	1 vote

For Pound Keeper,

John Y. Smith received	218 votes
Cottan W. Bean received	8 votes
John Y. Brown received	3 votes
John H. Lyon received	1 vote

THIRD WARD.

For Aldermen.

Henry A. Green received	306 votes
Simon F. Noyes received	120 votes
Selah Hill received	334 votes
William Pearsall received	152 votes
Thomas D. Jordan received	9 votes
George Ford received	2 votes
Peter N. Horsley received	1 vote
Joseph Dixon received	3 votes
Joseph G. Edge received	1 vote
John Griffith received	1 vote

For Chosen Freeholders.

Nehemiah Knapp received	291 votes
James Gopsill received	286 votes
John S. Marks received	176 votes
George Lincks received	169 votes
George S. Gee received	2 votes
J. J. Banta received	1 vote
Jacob H. Van Buskirk received	1 vote

For Commissioner of Appeals.

James S. Hutton received	118 votes
Charlis M. Hankins received	340 votes
William Hamilton received	1 vote

For Judges of Election.

George E. Meeker received	137 votes
John Vanderbelt received	295 votes
Philemon D. Haight received	285 votes
Smith Mead received	168 votes
Edward Topping received	326 votes
John Doyle received	158 votes

Charles Martin received	1 vote
John McCune received	1 vote
J. A. French received	1 vote
John C. Robbins received	1 vote
Benjn. Haines received	1 vote
James Doyle received	4 votes

For Justice of the Peace.

William C. Morris received	119 votes
Thomas B. Kissam received	338 votes
Charles Martin received	1 vote
Jos. Young, in the place of J. S. Miller removed, received	1 vote

For Ward Clerk.

Frederick Kissam received	293 votes
Peter P. Post received	168 votes
Stephen H. Smith received	1 vote
Charles Martin received	1 vote

For Constable.

Charles J. Farley received	290 votes
Thomas McWilliams received	169 votes
George S. Gee received	165 votes
William Barry received	1 vote
William A. Pollard received	1 vote

For Surveyors of Highways.

William C. Hutton received	293 votes
Jacob Rapp received	294 votes
John Corrigan received	160 votes

For Pound Keeper.

Peter N. Horsley received	154 votes
C. J. Farley received	1 vote
Alderman Brower received	1 vote
Selah Hill received	1 vote
P. P. Post received	1 vote
John H. Low received	1 vote
Pat. Martin received	1 vote
Michael Kain received	1 vote
John Francisco received	2 votes
David S. Manners received	1 vote
Jerry Casey received	1 vote
John A. Ryerson received	1 vote
George E. Cutter received	1 vote
George Ford received	1 vote
Mrs. Ash received	5 votes
John Horn received	1 vote
John Y. Smith received	1 vote

FOURTH WARD.

For Aldermen.

Richard R. Rappleyea received	289 votes
Joseph Harrison received	159 votes
William Keeny received	209 votes
William Keeney received	9 votes
William Keny received	4 votes
Thomas Wellwood received	61 votes
Henry A. Green received	1 vote
Selah Hill received	1 vote

For Chosen Freeholders

Clement M. Hancox received	152 votes
William Dugan received	147 votes
Harvey M. Soule received	217 votes
Jacob B. Schenk received	217 votes
Nehemiah Knapp received	1 vote
James Gopsill received	1 vote

For Commissioner of Appeals

Stephen Garreston received	214 votes
Patrick Brady received	147 votes
Charles M. Hankins received	1 vote
John Romans received	1 vote

For Judges of Election.

John Boyce received	155 votes
John Romans received	150 votes
Josiah M. Topping received	293 votes
Charles Gilbert received	74 votes
A. A. Paff received	218 votes
John J. Bouton received	72 votes
John Vanderbelt received	1 vote
Edward Topping received	1 vote
Phileman D. Haight received	1 vote
J. J. Bouton received	147 votes

For Justice of the Peace.

Thomas B. Kissam received	1 vote

For Ward Clerk.

Abrm. Van Riper received	145 votes
Timothy McCarty received	148 votes
Abraham Van Riper received	73 votes
Frederick Kissam received	1 vote

For Constable.

William Allen received	167 votes
John R. Benedict received	200 votes
Charles J. Farley received	1 vote

For Surveyors of Highways.

James B. Dunn received	217 votes
William H. Baker received	144 votes
Henry Fowler received	71 votes
Michael Lynch received	147 votes
Edward Gough received	148 votes
William Hutton received	1 vote
Jacob Knapp received	1 vote

For Pound Keeper.

John Francisco received	174 votes
John A. Smith received	10 votes
John P. Smith received	43 votes
John Y. Brown received	130 votes
Harvey M. Soule received	1 vote
Laughing Jack received	2 votes
John Smyth received	1 vote

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true full, and correct statement of the result of the election above mentioned, as the same is exhibited by the statements produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers, according to law; and that the same exhibits the number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the Wards, respectively, and of the ballots rejected; the whole number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the several wards, the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given, the number of votes given for each person in each ward, and the whole number of votes given for each person, for each office designated for him as they appear by the statements so produced and laid before the said Board.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands. this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

THOS. W. JAMES,
Ch'n. of Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clk. of Board City Canvassers,

A STATEMENT

Of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers, relative to an election held in Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, on the 11th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, for the election of a Mayor, a School Superintendent, a Collector, and two Assessors for the said City; and of two Aldermen, two Chosen Freeholders, one Commissioner of Appeals, three Judges of Election, one Constable, two Surveyors of Highways, one Ward Clerk and one Pound Keeper for each of the several Wards in the said City; and a Justice of the Peace in the First Ward, a Justice of the Peace in the Second Ward, and a Justice of the Peace in the Third Ward.

The said Board do determine and declare, that at the said election the following named persons having received the highest number of votes for each of the offices above mentioned, were duly elected to the following named offices; and that in the Second Ward, Benjamin Brady and James Jackson received an equal number of votes for Judges of Election, and the next highest number to those cast for the candidates who were elected to said offices of Judges of Election in the said Ward.

Mayor—David S. Manners.
School Superintendent—Lewis Colby.
Collector—Lorenzo Jaquins.
Assessors—Issac Van Saun Ira Clark.

FIRST WARD OFFICERS.

Aldermen—James S. Davenport, James R. Thompson.
Chosen Freeholders—Minot C. Morgan, David Smith.
Commissioner of Appeals—George D. Lyman.
Judges of Election—William H. Gautire, Brenton B. Grinnell, Edmund T. Bailey.

The votes cast for Edward T. Baily were given to Edmund T. Bailey, by the Boord of city Canvassers.

Justice of the Peace—Thomas Weir.
Ward Clerk—David W. Stone.
Constable—Nathaniel Ellis.
Surveyors of Highways—Samuel H. Many, John Perrine.
Pound Keeper—John Y. Brown.

SECOND WARD OFFICERS.

Aldermen—John H. Lyon, Joseph G. Edge.
Chosen Freeholders—Jacob J. Banta, Samuel A. French.
Commissioner of Appeals—David Scott.
Judges of Election—Joshua A. French, Hugh McComb.

Benjamin Brady and James Jackson received an equal number of votes, and in compliance with the provisions of the city charter the Common Council of Jersey City must determine between.

The votes cast for Benjamin Haines and John C. Robbins were thrown out by the Board of City Canvassers, for the reason that they acted as judges of election at the charter election held on the 11th inst.

Justice of the Peace—Joseph Young.
Ward Clerk—Stephen H. Smith.
Constable—William A. Pollard.
Surveyors of Highways—Jarvis L. Ayres, William B. Shotwell.
Pound Keeper—John Y. Smith.

THIRD WARD OFFICERS.

Aldermen—Henry A. Green, Selah Hill.
Chosen Freeholders—Nehemiah Knapp, James Gopsill.
Commissioner of Appeals—Charles M. Hankins.
Judges of Election—John Vanderbelt, Philemon D. Haight, Edward Topping.
Justice of the Peace—Thomas B. Kissam.
Ward Clerk—Frederick Kissam.
Constable—Charles J. Farley.
Surveyors of Highways—William C. Hutton, Jacob Rapp.
Pound Keeper—Peter N. Horsley.

FOURTH WARD OFFICERS.

Aldermen—Richard R. Rappleyea, William Keeny.
Chosen Freeholders—Harvey M. Soule, Jacob B. Schenk.
Commissioner of Appeals—Stephen Garreston.
Judges of Election—Josiah M. Topping, A. A. Paff, John J. Bouton.

(The votes cast for J. J. Bouton were given to John J. Bouton, by the Board of City Canvassers.)

Ward Clerk—Abraham Van Riper.
Constable—John R. Benedict.
Surveyors of Highways—James B. Dunn, Michael Lynch.

The votes cast for Edward Gough were thrown out by the Board of City Canvassers, for the reason that he acted as Judge at the charter election on the 11th inst.

Pound Keeper—John Francisco.

We do certify that the forgoing is a true full and correct statement of the dertermination of the Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

THOMAS W. JAMES,
Ch'n of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, April 18th, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge Gardner, Hill, James, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Low.

On motion of Ald. Hill, Ald. Lyon was appointed President pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Samuel Wescott and others, to have South 2nd street, between Grove and Coles streets, regulated, graded, paved, curbed and guttered, and the side-walks flagged four feet wide, except so much of the said work as is now done. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Michael Mullone, for permission to build a private sewer from the corner of Greene and Mercer streets to the river. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of John L. Burst & Co. $67 67; A. C. Carman $32; Jersey City Union, $1; F. J. Carter, $3 50; Samuel Annes, $4; Reily & Doyle, $17 34; George S. Gardner, $4 54; Michael McLaughlin, $3, and S. H. Many, $6 31. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of George E. Cutter, $112 50; Wm. A. Durrie, $200; Doctor Lutkins, $75; officers of election in the 1st Ward, $27 50; John B. Davis, $7 50; Charles J. Gilbert, $6; Edward Gough, $6; William A. Crawford, $6, and Mills & McLaughlin, $6 99. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of Jasper Wandle, $31 25; George E. Cutter, $3 50; R. B. Earle & Co., $16, and Jasper Wandle $31 25. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Isaac S. Miller, $1 88, and S. Quaife, $5. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of LouisB. Cobb, $10. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of Isaac S. Miller, $70 91. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Isaac S. Miller, $5 19. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Requisitions from the Board of Education for the payment of the following claims were presented. and warrants on the city treasurer for the amounts stated, were ordered to be drawn in favor of the claimants respectively named:

Of Slater & Steele, $199 33; Evan Jones, $8 38; Cronham & Watterson, $6 57; J. J. Banta, $13 80; Woolsey & Clark, $5; Francis S. Brettell, $1 88; Isaac S. Miller, $1 01; Morrell & Vanderbeek, $1 25; Lawrence & King, $16; M. M. Abby, $18 50; Cory & Webster, $6; B. R. Wakeman, $12 88; A. Anderson, $75; and J. W. Parker, chairman committee on finance, to pay teacher's salaries, $1718.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct, the rules suspended for the purpose of enabling the board to order their payment, and the same were ordered paid, viz:

Of lamplighters, $60; McGuigan & Nugent, $13 90; and board of city canvassers, $25.

The rules of order were suspended for the purpose of enabling the board to audit claims, and the following referred to committees at previous meetings of the board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of A. R. Merlett, $136 91; T. Newham, $32 50; John H. Sickels, $135 50; John H. Sickels, $353 50; Morris & Marshall, $36 63; John Jelly, $4; R. B. Earle & Co, $81 81; W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $18 48; Edgar Morris, $3 75; J. B. Stoue, $25; George Morrow, $3 50; Hugh Billingsly, $20; R. & J. McLaughlin, $50 12; George Morrow, $149 07; C. H. Winfield, $4 70; S. Quaife, $20; R. B. Kashow, $96 38; George Morrow, $3 75; Sunday Policemen, $38; Ingham & Hall $2 63; William Howeth, $10 92; M. Williams, $142 75; Drayton & Durant, $62 37; W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $58 51; John Crummey, $17 41; and G. Conkling, $8.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinance, to whom was referred on the 6th December, 1853, the claim of E. B. Wakeman for $300, reported the same to the consideration of the Common Council, without any recommendation

On motion of Ald. Miller the report was received, and the claim was ordered paid.

Reports of Committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Committee on Finance on semi-annual report of William Pile, city auctioneer, referred to them on the 4th instant, the report setting forth that the same is correct etc. Report received.

Of Committeee on Finance on vouchers of committee on fire and water for warrant on city treasurer dated Nov. 18, 1853, referred on the 4th inst., the report recommending that the amount for which vouchers were given ($78 53) be placed to the credit of the committee on fire and water, and charged by the comptroller to the proper accounts. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Of Committee on Finance on vouchers of committee on fire and water for warrant on city treasurer dated March 10th 1854, referred on the 4th instant, the report recommending that the amount for which the vouchers were given, ($45 00) be placed to the credit of the committee on fire and water, and charged by the Comptroller to the proper account. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Of Committee on Finance on city treasurer's report for March, 1854, referred on the 4th inst., setting forth that the city treasurer's report is correct. Report received.

Of Committee on Finance on city treasurer's report for February, 1854, referred on the 7th March last, setting forth that the city treasurer's report is correct. Report received

Of Committee on Finance on the annual report of the city treasurer for the year ending March 15, 1854, referred on the 21st ultimo, the report setting forth that the committee have caused the annual report of the treasurer to be published in the corporation paper etc. Report received.

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances on petition of Michael Mullone, referred on the 4th inst., to have money refunded to him, which he alleges that he has paid by mistake on an assessment, the report recom-

mending that the petition be returned to the petitioner for the reason that the communication is not sufficiently definite. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Of Committee on Public Grounds on the petition of Stephen Garretson and others, referred on the 4th instant, to have Hamilton Square graded etc., the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and being accompanied by an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the regulating and embellishing the public square in Jersey City," and also by a plan of the proposed improvement of Hamilton Square. Report, ordinance, and plan laid upon the table.

Of Committee on Sewers, a petition of Samuel M. Chambers and others, referred on the 21st February last, for permission to lay down drains from their premises to connect with the sewer in Railroad avenue; the report stating that the petitioners have drained their lots in a different manner from the plan proposed in the petition, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Report received, and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Of Committee on Streets on the petition of B. W. Ryder, referred on the 4th instant, asking permission to put down a different sized flag from that specified in his contracts for street improvements, the report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the price of flagging be altered according to the lowest proposals received at this meeting of the Common Council. Report received.

Of Committee on Finance, stating that pursuant to resolution of the 4th instant, the committee have borrowed of the Hudson County Bank, for the use of the City, $10,000, and that bonds have been issued for the same, payable on the 6th October next. Report received.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a statement of the sale of Engine House No. 2, accompanied by the City Treasurer's receipt for the proceeds of said sale. Statement referred to committee on finance.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 21st March last, the petition of Jacob Z. Marinus and others, to have Montgomery street, between Henderson and Van Vorst streets, regulated, etc presented an ordinance for said improvement, entitled "An ordinance to provide for regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and resetting curb and gutter where necessary in Montgomery street, between Henderson and Van Vorst streets." Ordinance laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Hill the proposals for the contracts for the following improvements, laid upon the table at the present and at the previous meeting of the Board, were taken up, opened and read, viz:

"For regulating, paving, curbing, guttering and laying cross-walks in Hudson street, from the south side of Wayne street to the South side of Mercer street."

"For regulating, paving, curbing, guttering and laying cross-walks, from Essex street to Morris Canal Basin, in Hudson street, including intersections."

"For regulating, paving, curbing, and guttering, flagging and laying cross-walks on Railroad avenue, North side, from Jersey street to Brunswick street."

"For flagging the side-walks four feet wide, in South Third street between Grove and Erie streets."

"For regulating, paving, curbing, guttering flagging and laying cross-walks in York st., from Warren street to Henderson street."

"For filling Bay street, from Prospect street to 225 east of Prospect street."

"For regulating, paving, guttering, curbing, flagging and laying crosswalks on South 5th street, from Erie street to 200 feet west of Prospect street."

"For filling Grand street to the established grade from Jersey street to the Mill creek."

"For filling in, curbing and guttering Warren st., between Railroad avenue and the south side of Morgan street; also for flagging the sidewalks, four feet in width, between Montgomery street and the south side of Morgan street."

"For grading, paving, curbing, guttering and resetting curb and gutter where required, on South 4th street, between Grove and Erie streets."

"For regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, flagging and laying crosswalks on Grand street, from Van Vorst street to Grove street."

"For filling in, curbing, guttering and flagging the side-walks four feet in width on Railroad avenue, between Grove and Gilbert streets."

"For regulating, curbing, guttering, flagging, and laying cross-walks in South 6th street, from Jersey avenue and Newark avenue."

"For filling in and flagging the side-walks four feet wide, on the south side of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street."

"For regulating, curbing, guttering, flagging and laying cross-walks, between Grove street and Newark avenue."

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution in relation to the said proposals.

Resolved, That the proposals which have been received by the committee on streets, and opened and read at the present meeting of the Common Council, be referred to said committee with authority to contract with the bidders for said work, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the City to do so. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, stated that from some misapprehension, Simon F. Noyes, appointed on the 7th ultimo a Commissioner of estimate and assessment, of the cost and expenses of paving, etc., of Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets, has not qualified as such Commissioner, and on motion of Ald. Narine, Simon F. Noyes was re-appointed such commissioner of estimate and assessment.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices viz.:

"Application to have Montgomery street, between Henderson and Van Vorst streets, regulated and paved, and curb and gutter reset where it is required."

"Application to have that part of South Fourth street lying west of Erie street and east of Coles street, graded, paved, curbed, guttered and flagged with a four feet wide flagging, or so much of said street as has not already been graded, paved, curbed, guttered and flagged." Reports received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the elections of E. A. Smathurst, Daniel Dalton, W. H. Gautier, H. M. Lane, and Robert Miller, as members of

Hercules Engine Company No. 3. the expulsions of J. Halsted, and W. Hanks from the same Company, and the resignations of A. T. Morris, and W. Carris, as members of the protection Engine Company No. 5. Elections approved, names ordered to be enrolled and certificates of membership to be issued; the proper entries of the resignations to be made; and the names of the expelled members ordered to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby authorized to have a wooden fence erected around Hamilton Square, at an expense not to exceed the rate of fifty cents per foot of said proposed fence. The resolution was lost.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase in the name of the city, lots 27, 28, 29 and 30 South 4th street, on block 200, as described on Coles's Map, for the sum of 850 dollars for each lot, for the purpose of erecting a Public School House thereon; and that for the payment of the same, the Committee on Finance are hereby instructed, in case said purchase shall be made to borrow for the use of the city, the sum of ($3400) thirty-four hundred dollars, for three years, and that the bond or bonds of the city for said amount be issued under the direction of the Committee en Finance, payable in three years with interest at and after the rate of six per cent per annum.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Narine, Cleveland and Brower.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Miller. Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at the Common Council Chamber, on Tuesday the 25th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., and all committees are directed to report at that time upon all matters in their hands not heretofore disposed of, and at that time to return all papers in their possession upon which they do not intend to report, so that the same may be transferred to the new board.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That John A. Ryerson be, and he is hereby authorized and employed to take the census of Jersey City in May next, and report the same to the Common Council, for a compensation not to exceed the sum of forty dollars.

Ald. Slater moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the name of "John A. Ryerson," and inserting in its place that of "D. E. Gavitt."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Narine, Rappleyea and White.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Hill, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Lyon, Miller, and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Slater.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Narine, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Cleveland, Lyon, Miller, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioners for the opening of Jersey street into Jersey avenue be, and are hereby directed, to deposit with the city treasurer one hundred dollars to defray the expenses for surveys and assessments.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinances, presented and laid upon the table on the 5th October, 1852, was taken up for consideration, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for the filling in to the established grade Prospect st., from Newark ave. to Pavonia avenue, and for curbing, guttering, laying crosswalks and flagging sidewalks on Prospect st., between Newark avenue and Harsimus street."

The ordinance was amended in the first section, and the title of the same amended so as to read as follows:

"An ordinance to provide for the filling in to the established grade Prospect street, from Newark ave. to Pavonia avenue."

The ordinance as amended was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. James and Low.

Ald. Miller being interested in the improvement was excused from voting, on motion of Ald. Gardner.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be directed to make enquiries and report to this Board at its adjourned meeting on the 25th instant, the present position of the proceedings in relation to the opening of Montgomery street.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, April 25th, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk at eight o'clock, P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Gardner, Hill, James, Low, Lyon, Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland and Edge.

On motion of Ald. Hill, Ald. Lyon was appointed President *pro tempore.*

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The official bond of Charles J. Farley, as constable, with George Ford and Isaac Van Saun as sureties, was presented, approved, and ordered filed.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afteward reported correct, the rules suspended, and the claims ordered paid:

Of Daily Telegraph, $100; Albert T. Smith, $100; George W. Cassedy, $187 50; Charles M. Holmes, $24 76; Fidelity Division, $37 50; John Sylvester, $50; L. A. Pratt & Co., $1; J. Stagg, $3 50; John Wilson, $2 50, and Engine Co. No. 4, $3.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, the rules were suspended for the purpose, and said amounts ordered paid.

Of Edward Gough, $6; George E. Cutter, $112 50; R. B. Earle & Co, $16; Jasper Wandle, $31 25; Jasper Wandle, $31 25; George E. Cutter, $3 50; Isaac S. Miller, $5 19; John L. Burst & Co., $67 67; F. J. Carter, $3 50; George S. Gardner, $4 54; Reiley & Doyle, $17 34; A. C. Carman, $32; Jersey City Union, $1; Samuel Anness, $4; Samuel H. Many, $6 31; Michael McLaughlin, $3; Mills & McLaughlin, $6 99; Doctor Lutkins, $75; William A. Durrie, $200; Charles J. Gilbert, $6; William A. Crawford, $6; John B. Davis, $7 50; S. Quaife, $5, and Officers of Election in First Ward, $27 50.

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred on the 18th instant the proposals for street contracts, opened and read at that time, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That contracts be entered into with Alexander Wilson, for regulating, filling, curbing, guttering, flagging etc., Warren street, between Montgomery street and Morgan street, and for regulating, flagging etc., South 3rd street, from Grove to Erie street, and for regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, flagging, etc., South 5th street, from Erie to within 200 feet of Prospect street, and for regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, etc., South 4th street, between Grove and Erie streets, and for regulating, curbing, guttering, etc., south side of Railroad avenue, from Grove street to Gilbert street; and also with James Fielder for regulating, paving, curbing, guttering etc., Hudson street, between Wayne street and Mercer street, and for regulating, flagging etc., South 3d street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street, and for regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks etc., Hudson street, between Essex street and the Morris Canal Basin, and for filling in Grand street, between Jersey street and the Mill Creek; and also with Daniel Keenan for filling in Bay street from Prospect street 225 feet east of said street, and that the said contracts be executed on the part of this corporation by his honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the City Clerk, and the bonds accompanying the proposals be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the assessment for paving etc., of Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine, offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for paving, etc., of Barrow st., between Bright and Grand streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in May next, at 8 o'clock, P. M, to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the assesment for the regulationof north side of Railroad avenue between Prospect street and Newark avenue, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Narine, offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for the regulation of north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street, and Newark avenue, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the CommonCouncil Chamber, on the third Tuesday in may next at 8 o'clock, P. M. to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writting.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Narine from the Committee on Assessments, presented the assessment for the filling in of Morgan street between Warren and Prospect streets, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. James offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be direected to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for the filling in of Morgan st, between Warren and Prospect streets, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomesy street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in May next, at 8 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments reported as correct the claim of Louis B. Cobb, for $10, referred on the 18th instant. Report received and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Assessments returned the claims referred to them on the 17th January last, of Daniel Keenan, for $179 29, for work and materials on north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and Newark avenue, and Clerk & Bacot, for $10, for sur-

veys etc., on said improvement. The claims were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom were referred on the 7th March last, the claims of John Arbuckle, for $307 42, for paving etc., Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets; Clerk & Bacot, for $15, for surveys, etc., on same improvement, and William Moore, for $8 75, for superintending the work on same improvement, returned the said claims, and the same were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom were referred on the 4th instant, the remonstrance of Hutton & Lacey and others, W. R. Drayton, Jacob Erwin, and of P. M. Haverty, against the confirmation of the assessment for the filling in of Steuben street, between Washington and Prospect streets, returned the same and they were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Sewers returned the petition referred to them on the 18th instant, of Michael Mullone, for permission to open a private sewer, and said petition was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Finance returned as unfinished business, the claim of Isaac S. Miller, for $1 88, referred on the 18th instant, and the same was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Alms returned as unfinished business the claim of isaac S. Miller, for $70 91, referred on the 18th instant, and the same was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Fire and Water, returned as unfinished business, the petition referred on the 21st March last, of Smith Mead, and others to be organized as a Hose Company, and said petition was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances returned as unfinished business the following papers, viz:

Order of the Hudson County Circuit Court, in the case of Neilson and Miller, against William Sanderson, served upon his Honor the Mayor on the 19th May 1853, and referred to the said Committee on the 7th June 1853.

Petition of John Pratt, and others for such action on the part of the Common Council as will enable the petitioners to aid in carrying in to effect the ordinance regulating inns and taverns, referred to said committee on the 6th December last.

Contracts with Alexander Wilson, for regulating etc., Bright street between Grove and Jersey streets, referred to the said committee on the 20th December 1853, with instructions to ascertain how far the injunction in relation to the said improvement extends, and whether the executing of said contracts will conflict with the injunction.

Petition of James Hall and others to have buildings near No. 60 Newark avenue removed etc, referred on the 7th March last.

Petition of Geo. McLaughlin for removal of street sign in Grove street, with the report of Committee on streets endorsed on said petition, referred to Committe on Laws and Ordinances on the 7th March last, with instructions to draft and present an ordinance to meet that and similar cases.

Claim of David Bedford, receiver of Wooley & Sanderson, referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances on the 17th January last.

Petition of James F. Bache, asking that no lease be issued to John J. Wanner, for lot No. 3 Washington street, as designated on Assessors' map, referred to the committee on the 4th April last.

The papers were all laid on the table.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, returned the communication referred to them on the 6th December 1853, of the City Attorney, announcing the termination of the ejectment suit for the recovery of the psssession of Coles square, and recommended that the said communication be filed. Communication ordered filed.

The Com. on Public Health, to whom were referred on the 7th June 1853, and on the 18th October last, the petitions of W. H. Talcott, and J. V. Talmage and others, for the abatement of nuisances, reported that the nuisances have been abated. Report received.

The Joint Committee on Public Health and Laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 21st March last, the petition of Erwin J. Crane, complaining of a nuisance caused by a stable in Warren st., reported that the matter complained of does not appear to be of a public nature, over which the Common Council has any control. Report received.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred on the 2nd August last, the petition of James Broadmeadow and others, in relation to sunken lots in Prospect street, reported that they have advertised for proposals to have said lots filled, but have not received any. Report received and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Finance, returned as unfinished business, the statement of Committee on Alms, referred May 7, 1853, of monies expended by them out of an appropriation of one hundred dollars made prior to that date. Statement laid upon the table.

The Committee on Police and Licenses returned as unfinished buisness, the semi-annual report of the Recorder to November 1st, 1853, referred on the 6th December 1853. Report laid upon the table.

The Committee on Finance returned the communication of the Secretary of the Treasury, referred August 2nd 1853, asking information as to the amount of bonds etc. issued by the city, and reported that the information had been furnished. Received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Finance, reported as correct the account of sale of Engine House, referred to them on the 18th April last, the report recommending that the Comptroller be directed to credit the amount to Engine Houses, and charge the Treasurer with the amount received by him. Report received, and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Watch, to whom was referred on the 4th instant the communication of his Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension of James Carbery, as a city watchman, reported that the charges upon which the suspension was grounded are sustained, the ordinance taken before the committee accompanying the report, the report recommending that James Carbery be dismissed from the Watch Department. Report received, and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Alms, reported that pursuant to resolution of January 27th 1854, they had endeavored to make arrangements to have the indigent poor of the city vaccinated for the Kine Pox, but were unable to effect such arrangements. Report received.

The semi-annual, report of the Chief Engineer of

the fire department, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

Ald. Brower offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for $3 50 be drawn in favor of Fire and Water Committee, that being the amount of premium to renew the policy on the plate of the firemen's certificate.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brower offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, A committee has been appointed by the Secretary of War, to select a *site* for a National Foundry, and

Whereas, Jersey City offers advantages superior to any other locality in this State, not only for its facilities in obtaining coal and iron, and its accessability at all seasons of the year, but also in its being contiguous to the ocean, and to the metropolis of the Union ; therefore

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to invite the committee appointed by the Secretary of War, to visit this city prior to their designating the place for such Foundry.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office, on Saturday, the 29th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving and acting on the report of the special committee appointed to have the financial books of the city written up.

Ald. Miller offered the following resolution ; which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of Common Council are justly due, and are hereby tendered to F. B. Betts, Esq., for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of the Board, during the whole time that his health permitted his attendance, and that we regret the indisposition which has been the cause of our losing his efficient and valuable aid, during a part of his official term.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Common Council are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to George W. Cassedy, Esq , for his faithful, prompt and assiduous attention to, and discharge of the duties of City Clerk during the past year.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council are justly due, and are hereby freely tendered to Nathaniel Ellis, Esq., City Marshal, for the faithful and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Saturday, April 29th, 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—ThePresident, and Ald. James, Low, Miller, Slater and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea Ald. Lyon was appointed President *pro tempore.*

The Special Committee on writing up the financial books of the city presented a report.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That the report and accompanying papers be received, entered at large on the minutes, and published in all of the city papers.

The report and accompanying papers being as follows:

To the Honorable the Common Council of Jersey City:

The Special Committee appointed December 20th, 1853, to have the financial books of the city written up, respectfully report, that pursuant to the authority contained in said resolution, they employed David Henderson, Esq., the City Comptroller, to write up the same, by whom, with the assistance of Albert T. Smith, the City Treasurer, (who was employed byMr. Henderson for that purpose,) the financial books of the city have been thoroughly examined, revised, and corrected in many respects, and put in complete order. The Committee have examined the said books, and find them to be be correct.

The Committee herewith submit a balance sheet, taken from the said books, from which it appears, that exclusive of the assets belonging to this Corporation, the actual indebtedness of the city at the present time amounts to the sum of thirty-three thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty-five cents. The books are now in the possession of your Committee, and at your disposal. The Committee having completed the duty imposed upon them, ask to be discharged.

Dated Jersey City, April 29, 1854.

R. R. RAPPLEYEA,
SELAH HILL,
JOHN V. BROWER,
J. B. CLEVELAND,
WILLIAM WHITE,
SAML. R. TYRRELL,
I. G. EDGE,
J. H. LYON.

Special Com. on Financial Books.

Statement from the Ledger of the Corporation of Jersey City, showing the financial condition of the city at 15th March, 1854.

ASSETS.

Balance of cash in city treasury,	$2,403 23	
Balance due from I. S. Miller, late city treasurer,	699 41	
Amount advanced Water Commissioners, temporary loan to defray expenses of surveys	550 00	
Justus Slater, appropriation, chairman of the committee on alms, to be accounted for	100 00	
Alexander Wilson, appropriation, chairman of committee on streets, to be accounted for,	120 00	
I. W. Parker, appropriation, chairman committee on alms to be accounted for,	38 91	
Bills receivable, SelahHill, 18th January, 1850,	1000 00	
Balance due for Hudson street regulating and paving, never collected,	1,409 59	
City property, value of as per reports and valuations of committees on publicgrounds and buildings and fire and water,	73,030 00	
Amout due from various assessments as per balance sheet herewith rendered,	18,697 00	
		$98,048 59

From which deduct the following

LIABILITIES.

Amount of city stock, permanent loan, as follows:—10 bonds of $1000 each, held by Jas. Rogers, dated 23d May, 1849, at 7 per cent, No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10, due 23d Feb'y, 1864, and No. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, due May, 1859	$10,000 00	
No. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, for $1000 each, to D. S. Manners, at 7 per cent, due 1855 aud 1858	5,000 00	
Dated	*Bonds and Bills Payable.*	
1840 Nov. 20. Bond and mortgage to John VanVorst, at 6 per cent given byVan Vorst township for lot for en. house	$800 00	
1851 June 27. Bond No.2 Mayor and Com. Council to C. Van Vorst, 10 years, for 4lots of ground for school, at 6 per ct	3300 00	
" Dec. 22 Bond No.10 do. do., A. Clerk, 3 years, for lot for fire dep't, at 6 per cent,	575 00	
" Dec. 22 Bond No.11 do. do., A. Clerk, for do. do., 5 years, at 6 per cent	475 00	
1853. July 1 Bond No. 26, do. do. do. to Savings Bank at 6 per cent, 10 years	1250 00	
" July 1, Bond No. 27 do. do. do.	1250 00	
Renewal of bond to D. S. Gregory for	2500 00	
1846 May 22. Bond No. 30, Mayor and C. Council toE.Steele 1 year at 6 per ct, borrowed money,	500 00	

1847 Aug. 14. Bond No. 32, do. do. to John Arbuckle, 5 years at 6 per cent, for regulating Hudson street	500 00		
1846 Oct. 20. Bond No 37, do. do., D. S. Gregory, 10 years, 6 per cent, for school lots	4000 00		
1849 June 1. Bond No. 40 do. do. M. Van Horn, 5 years, 6 per cent, renewal of bond of May 14, 1847	1000 00		
" June 1. Bond No. 41 do. do. G. Van Horn, 3 years at 6 per cent	500 00		
1853 Oct. 4. Bond No. 28 do. do. Hudson Co. Bank, temporary loan in anticipation of Taxes of 1853, 6 months at 6 per cent,	5000 00		
		19,150 00	
Amount of improvement certificates outstanding, issued for sundry city assessments		17,810 73	
Amount due for redemption of lots, not yet called for, by purchasers,		219 29	
Am't due on city warrants issued		1209 65	
Amount paid into the city treasury on account of opening Montgomery street,		150 00	
Amount due to sundry assessments overpaid		94 97	53,634 64
			$44,413 95

Balance in favor of the city, being value of assets after paying all outstanding liabilities, to date as per balance from city books, with the exceptions herewith stated on sheet No. 2.

As there are several amounts in the foregoing statement represented as assetts, from which the city in all probability will never realize anything, it may be proper to deduct them from the balance shown, say as follows :

Balance in favor of the City assetts,		44,413 95
From which deduct the following amount standing to the credit of the city as being due from several Aldermen, as Chairmen of their several Committees, which amounts are believed to have been properly expended and accounted for, but which have never been charged to the Corporation account, viz. :		
Justus Slater,	100 00	
A. Wilson,	120 00	
J. W. Parker,	38 91	
Also bond of Selah Hill which will probably never be called for by the city,	1,000 00	
Also balance due from assessment for regulating and paving Hudson street,	1,409 59	2,668 50
Showing an unincumbered balance in favor of the city assetts of		$41,745 45

15th March, 1854.

Balance sheet from the Ledger of the Corporation of Jersey City.

Folio Ledger.			
100	Corporation of Jersey City,		44,413 95
102	City Treasury,	2,403 23	
104	City stock, permanent loan,		15,000 00
105	Bonds and bills payable,		19,150 00
106	Improvement certificates,		17,810 73
108	Redemption of lots,		219 29
110	Warrants city,		1,209 65
112	I. S. Miller, late City Treasurer,	699 41	
113	Water Commissioners of Jersey City,	550 00	
114	Justus Slater,	100 00	
114	Alexander Wilson,	120 00	
114	J. W. Parker,	38 91	
115	Bills receivable,	1,000 00	
116	Barrow st. assessment regulating, etc., from Newwark av. to Canal st.,	455 39	
117	Montgomery st. opening,		150 00
118	Grand street asst., sewer from Henderson st. to within 100 feet from Public Square,		68 94
119	Hudson st. regulating and paving,	1,409 59	
120	Grove st. asst., regulating from Montgomery st. to Newark avenue,	13 71	
121	Michigan st. asst., regulating from Grove street to Newark avenue,	63 15	
122	Newark av. asst., regulating from west side of Grove to 100 feet west of Monmouth,	862 46	
123	Grand st. asst. regulating from Grove to Jersey sts.,	824 73	
124	Bright st. asst., regulating from Grove to Barrow sts.,	637 94	
125	Washington, Wayne and Greene sts. asst. for paving etc.,	860 14	
126	Well and pump asst. for R. R. av. near Savery's Foundry,	18 50	
127	Well & pump asst. for corner Monmouth and Booraem streets,	23 00	
128	Washington st., filling from Steuben to Morgan sts.,	151 13	
129	Warren street, filling from Montgomery to Morgan streets,	1,243 69	

130	Railroad av.south side asst. for paving etc., from Newark av. to Gilbert st.,	188 26	
151	Jersey av., regulating from South 2d to Newark av.,	3,334 79	
152	Grand st., filling from Henderson to Grove sts.,	842 13	
153	Montgomery st.,filling from Grove to Barrow sts.,	300 28	
154	Grand st. asst. for filling from Warren to Van Vorst streets,		26 03
155	South 8th st. asst. for filling from Newark av. to Brunswick st.,	738 48	
156	South 7th st. asst. for paving etc.,from Grove to Jersey av.,	1,815 92	
157	Erie street asst. for paving Pavonia av.to South from 9th street,	6,323 75	
158	City property, value of as for valuation returned by the committees on public grounds and buildings and fire and water,	73,030 00	
		$98,048 59	$98,048 59

(Ald. Gardner obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Narine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, Thas a further appropriation of $250 be allowed the special committee having had in charge the writing up of the financial books of the city, on account of the additional assistance which was required and obtained by the city comptroller.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Narine Tyrrell and White.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon, Narine, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Edge and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James, Low, Miller, Slater and Whitleck.

Ald. Cleveland moved to reconsider the vote on adopting the resolution of Ald. Narine.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. White, Tyrrell and Hill.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Narine, Rappleyea and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James, Low, Miller, Slater and Whitlock.

Ald. Cleveland moved to amend the resolution by adding to it the following words:

"And for that purpose a warrant for two hundred and fifty dollars be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the said special committee." The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Cleveland and Tyrrell:

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Hill, Lyon,Narine, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Edge and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner,James, Low, Miller, Slater and Whitlock.

The resolution as adopted being as follows:

Resolved, that a further appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars be allowed the Special Committee having had in charge the writing up of the financial books of the city, on account of the additional assistance which was required and obtained by the city comptroller, and for that purpose a warrant for two hundred and fifty dollars be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the said special committee.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the common council chamber on Monday the first day of May next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of approving the minutes only.

Ald. Cleveland moved "That a warrant for two hundred and fifty dollars be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the special committee appointed on the 20th December, 1853 to have the financial books of the city written up."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Cleveland and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Gardner, James, Low, Miller, Slater, and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber Monday May 1st 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.,

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, James Low, Lyon Miller, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Absent—The President of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Gardner, Ald. Slater was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Miller the Board then adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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